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Major facing grassroots revolt on VAT

By Philip Webster, Nicholas Wood and Arthur Leathley

JOHN Major and Kenneth Clarke were last night facing a Conservative party revolt against their decision, already approved by Parliament, to impose value-added tax on fuel from April 1.

A tidal wave of opposition to the plans from party workers and officials across the country has been revealed in motions sent to Conservative Central Office in advance of next month's party conference.

An internal dispute was also brewing yesterday over plans, due to be unveiled next week, to cut substantially the number of Young Conservatives allowed at the party conference. In a streamlining operation fuelled by irritation over the persistent in-fighting among young members, party chiefs are to discuss a report proposing that conference

As opposition mounts to VAT on fuel bills, the government faces an internal row over plans to limit the number of Young Conservatives at party conference

the poverty line, a group that deserted the Tories at the Christchurch and Newbury by-elections.

The agenda reveals divisions over the Budget options facing Mr Clarke. While a third of the motions on the economy call for action to cut the £50 billion budget deficit, the majority prefer deeper spending cuts to increased taxation as the means of achieving it. The cabinet right will be boosted by the apparent level of popular support for their stance, although a handful of constituencies favour higher taxation.

As expected, Tory activists expressed by far the greatest concern over law and order. The high number of motions criticising party organisation, finances and presentation, and demanding party unity and firmer leadership, also confirm that the prime minister and his colleagues will face a difficult conference.

In an appeal underlining rank-and-file dissatisfaction with the government's performance, party members in Rochdale urge ministers to get their act together before they reach the point of no return. Keighley voices concern at "the apparent lack of any clear direction and leadership from the government".

Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, said last night that the huge interest in law and order showed that Mr Major had been right to make it the government's top priority

in the coming year. About 244 motions call variously for tougher measures against persistent young offenders, the return of the death penalty for murder and terrorism, stricter sentencing policy guidelines for judges, a return to traditional moral values, and performance targets for the police.

Sir Norman said the conference would be held at the end of a tough 12 months, but he added that there were unmistakable signs of economic and political recovery. The conference would, he said, give the Tories the chance to regain the political initiative and "to re-establish our reputation for unity of purpose".

His statement made no mention of the VAT controversy, clearly the most serious policy hurdle facing ministers as they prepare for Blackpool.

The motion from the Tottenham constituency association reflects the general mood. It says: "This conference, while recognising the need to attain revenue targets, calls on the Chancellor to scrap the proposal to impose VAT on domestic fuel." The Sunderland party says: "This conference is opposed to the extension of VAT to essential items and believes instead that a temporary surcharge on income tax would be a fairer and more effective way of increasing government revenue."

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Protest goes on over Rabin-Arafat deal



A sheikh from Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood denouncing the peace deal yesterday

Clinton to stage a peace spectacular

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday made peace with his foremost Arab enemy when he recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisation and predicted that Arabs and Jews would be able to share the same land for the first time in decades of conflict.

In a brief but momentous ceremony at his Jerusalem office, the veteran Israeli leader and former war hero signed a letter formally recognising Yasser Arafat after the Palestinian leader recognised Israel and renounced violence.

Last night the White House was preparing a "huge" ceremony in Washington on Monday to witness Israel and the PLO signing their historic peace accord. Shortly after President Clinton's announcement, American diplomats met Hakam Balawi, the PLO's ambassador in Tunis, formally to invite a PLO delegation to the ceremony.

Mr Clinton said he would have no objection if Mr Arafat came in person, but it appeared more likely that the outline accord would be signed by Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, and Mahmoud Abbas, head of the PLO's political department, who was involved in the secret negotiations.

Sources said the PLO had tried to persuade Washington to press for Mr Rabin to attend so that Mr Arafat could also come, but without success. In the eyes of the American public, Mr Arafat's Continued on page 13, col 1

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Somali gunmen kill 4 newsmen

THE insane violence that has returned to Mogadishu claimed dozens more victims yesterday. I might have been one of them.

As I watched with other journalists from the roof of the Sahafi hotel in the city centre, more rubble than last night, two shots were aimed at me. I heard the bullets thwack into the low parapet I hid behind. But an Italian colleague saw them hit close to my head.

Four other newsmen, Somalis working for Cable News Network, the American agency, were not so fortunate. They were killed in a fear-some recurrence of the civil war between local warlords which brought the United Nations to Mogadishu. Malaysian UN troops looked on, powerless to act.

The CNN team died when members of the Hawadle clan, which recently ended its alliance with Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the warlord with a \$25,000 (£16,600) United Na-



Watching Mogadishu's agony of tribal feuding. Sam Kiley came under fire. Four members of a CNN television crew were killed

tions price on his head. Members of General Aidid's Habre Gedir clan, they died in a ten-minute skirmish. Their car was looted.

Soon relatives of those killed returned with reinforcements and heavier weapons. In trying to retrieve the bodies of their friends, the Habre Gedir showed almost total disregard for their enemies, rushing towards the corpses, firing from the hip as machine-gun bullets sent up jets of sand around them.

One Habre Gedir gunman, running along a bridge was shot in the leg. But he vaulted a wall, continued to fire his own weapon, and directed the aim of his comrades.

Typically, the fighters showed no regard for the civilians around them. One

young girl was shot in the stomach as she rushed to pack up and flee her tea stand.

Fighting around the hotel raged for five hours under the noses of the large contingent of UN troops. Hiding behind their sandbagged walls, they had no chance to intervene as the warring factions exchanged machine-gun fire and duelled with rocket-propelled grenades. Two American helicopters eventually opened fire on the militia with machine-guns as they shot at journalists on the hotel roof.

The Malaysian troops were not alone in their impotence: 18,000 other UN troops have been unable to restore peace to Mogadishu since the arrest order was issued for General Aidid following the killing of 24 Pakistani soldiers in June.

Yesterday's fighting occurred as victims from a battle the night before continued to flood into the capital's hospitals. The International Committee of the Red Cross said about 120 people had been admitted to two hospitals following retaliation after Pakistani soldiers were ambushed on Thursday.

Witnesses said that at least 100 other Somalis, many of them women and children, had been killed by Pakistani and American helicopter gunners. At the Benadir hospital, trawling of blood marked the concrete floor where bodies had been dragged away. A nurse said relatives had brought in 35 bodies they were told to take them away for burial.

Digfer hospital was another bedlam of screams and bleeding victims of the fighting between the UN and General Aidid's militia. Many said they had been wounded far from the scene by tank shells.

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Banks in £1bn rescue for Canary Wharf

By Patricia Tehran Banking Correspondent

CANARY Wharf, the troubled office and retail development in London's Docklands, is to come out of administration by the end of next month after agreeing a £1.1 billion rescue package with its consortium of banks.

The deal will leave ten banks, led by Lloyds, in control of the project. They are to establish a new holding company named Sylvester Investments, after the cartoon cat that never managed to catch Tweety, the little canary.

The deal means the £1.8bn Underground extension, considered vital to the success of Canary Wharf as a London business centre, appears certain to be built. After months of fraught negotiations, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, said that arrangements for the private sector contribution to the cost of the nine-mile link from Green Park to Stratford had been arranged.

Under the agreement, the European Investment Bank will provide £98 million to fund the initial private sector contribution. A consortium of the secured lenders to the Olympia and York company is to pay a further £300 million over 24 years after the line has been completed.

The deal must first be approved by Canary Wharf's 1,400 unsecured creditors, mainly construction companies, at a meeting at the end of the month. If they approve, most will receive a maximum 15p in the pound dividend from the administrators.

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TV stations battle for 1m chess viewers

By Ian Murray

TELEVISION "warfare" has broken out over The Times World Chess Championship. In an aggressive defence of its exclusive rights to broadcast the championship, Channel 4 has made a determined move to evict BBC2 from the Savoy Theatre in London, where the match is being played.

The quarrel erupted during the second game on Thursday when the independent company found BBC commentators broadcast from the theatre manager's office. Having exclusive television rights, Channel 4 considered only its camera crews should be

allowed inside. The company was furious to find its main competitor in a special studio close to its own elaborate production gallery.

"We expressed our displeasure to the Savoy," Mike Miller, the channel's commissioning editor, said last night. "As far as we are concerned, the BBC are out of there... or there will be trouble."

The ferocity of the row owes much to the unexpectedly large TV audience for the championship. On Thursday almost a million people watched each of the three Channel 4 broadcasts. Mr Miller believed the audience might have been even bigger

had the BBC not reshuffled its schedules to compete directly with one broadcast. "That they were using the theatre was the last straw," he said.

A BBC spokesman said: "We have a perfectly valid contract. All we are trying to do is provide a move-by-move analysis without pictures."

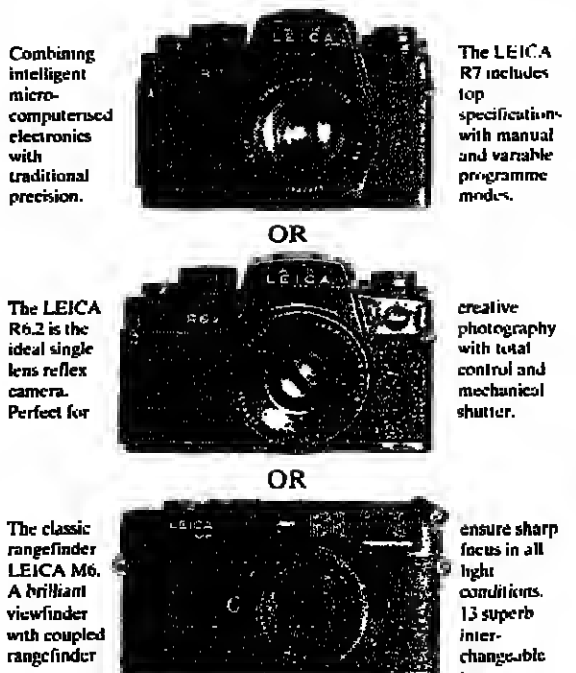
The Savoy management seemed bemused. "We don't see the problem," Roland Leigh, company secretary said. "The BBC wanted a perch, we didn't have a room available, so gave them space in the manager's office. They are not allowed to televise the game."

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Tory voters scarce as prime minister's roadshow heads north of the border

Balmoral combines menus and agendas

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

JOHN Major goes to Balmoral today for the prime minister's traditional weekend with the Queen. No communiques will be issued — neither Buckingham Palace nor Downing Street discloses the contents of discussions.

Mr Major and his wife, Norma, will lunch with Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, and dinner tonight with the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and other guests. Tomorrow they will go to church at Crathie with the royal family and take tea at Birkhall with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

It is now clear that at last year's gathering the seal was set on the most sweeping reform of the monarchy since the Queen's accession 40 years ago. The meeting paved the way for an announcement that the Queen was to pay income tax and support financially all but three members of her family. Whether they formally discussed the state of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales — Mr Major was three months later to announce their separation — can only be speculated upon.

He was, however, reported to be deeply concerned at the undercurrent of resentment against some members of the family at the time.

Today the Queen and Mr Major will almost certainly run through preparations for next month's Commonwealth heads of government conference in Cyprus and discuss the likely legislative programme that the Queen will unveil at the next state opening of Parliament in November.

For the Queen, the Majors are a known quantity. Her guest next weekend, Paul Keating, the avowedly republican prime minister of Australia, may be less predictable.



John Major bangs the drum for the Tories in Pitlochry, Tayside, one of the Conservative party's few strongholds in Scotland

Major vows to stand firm on VAT

By Jonathan Prynn
Political Reporter

Popularity ratings are meaningless, says the prime minister. His message to Scottish voters is that he is not for turning

JOHN Major's roadshow to boost party morale moved north of the border yesterday, where he pledged that there would be no change to the policies that have reduced Tory popularity in Scotland to an all-time low.

It is the latest leg of the prime minister's tour, which has already taken him to the South West and North West of England. In the Tayside town of Pitlochry, Mr Major brushed aside recent polls that had shown the Conservatives slugging it out with the Liberal Democrats for fourth place in Scotland. "We've heard all this before," he said. "I'm probably the last person

in the world to talk to about opinion polls. I don't have a great deal of faith in them.

"The fact is we are a long way from the next general election. We are coming out of a very difficult recession, but I think people can see we are through it."

He recognised there was concern over government policies such as VAT on fuel, but said unpopular decisions were sometimes necessary to achieve medium-term goals. Despite a warm reception in Tayside, a rare surviving Tory

stronghold in Scotland, Mr Major was given a taste of his party's unpopularity north of the border earlier in the day at the Highlands and Islands Enterprise in Inverness, where he was met with boos and shouts from demonstrators protesting at VAT on fuel and privatisation of Scottish Water.

Mr Major, who is accompanied by his wife, Norma, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and a large entourage of officials, was given a warmer welcome in Pitlochry, where

the sheer number of tourists diluted any local hostility. After a visit to a woollen shop, the prime minister pressed the flesh of the quickly gathering crowd.

Rena Lumsden from Milnathort, Tayside, said there was still strong support for the government in that part of Scotland. "It is mostly Tory in Perthshire," she said. "It would take quite a lot to knock them down."

Three of the government's 11 Scottish seats are in this relatively wealthy area of the southern Highlands, giving the Tories a solid central core of support in an otherwise hostile land. However, even in this bluest of Scottish regions there are murmurings of discontent. Bill Walker, the Con-

servative MP for Tayside North, earlier this week criticised the government for being out of touch with Scottish problems.

But the prime minister was given little chance to discuss them on his next visit, the Glenlivet Whisky Distillery near Crieff. The throng of tourists who cheered his arrival was dominated by a 62-strong party from Northern Ireland organised by a RUC welfare group which included the widows of terrorist victims. Mr Major also gladdened tourists from Russia, America and Australia, but precious few Scottish Conservative voters.

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Complaint to OFT over Times

THE reduction in the cover price of *The Times* to 30p has been referred to the Office of Fair Trading by *The Independent*, although the OFT said yesterday that the reference was unnecessary. It said that the price reduction had been looked into "from the moment it was announced" last week.

The OFT said that it would consider *The Independent's* submission before deciding whether to launch an investigation under the Competition Act.

The Independent claims that the price cut amounts to unfair competition. *The Times*

said that *The Independent's* move was "absurd".

In its submission to the OFT, *The Independent* claims that the 15p price cut is a case of "predatory pricing," which is banned under the Competition Act.

John Bryant, deputy editor of *The Times*, said: "It is absurd that any newspaper should ask the Office of Fair Trading to raise the price of another newspaper, particularly at a time when all the qualities have been losing circulation."

The Times said yesterday that its circulation had risen

by about 20 per cent since the price reduction on Monday. Circulation managers at *The Independent* and *The Daily Telegraph* believe the rise is about 30 per cent.

Robert Thompson, deputy circulation manager of *The Times*, said the paper had taken readers mainly from *The Independent* and *The Daily Telegraph*. However, the rise at *The Times* was greater than could be accounted for by changes in other circulations, suggesting that the price cut had expanded the total market for quality newspapers.

Asian parents lose test case over places at best schools

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

ASIAN parents lost a test case yesterday when the High Court rejected claims that their children were being systematically excluded from the best secondary schools in Bradford.

Mr Justice Jowitt cleared the city council of racial discrimination and upheld its policy of drawing catchment areas that skirted oversubscribed schools to avoid overcrowding.

Families from the predominantly Asian district of Manningham who failed to get their children into popular schools alleged they were offered places at a "sink school" with an appalling academic record.

Thirty parents led by Sikander Ali, who brought the action, claimed that the policy breached the Race Relations Act because the catchment areas of popular schools skirted the district where they

lived. They refused to enrol their children this term, pending the outcome of the challenge seeking an order that Bradford comply with its duties under the Education Act to provide a choice of schools.

The judge said that Manningham children failed to secure places at oversubscribed schools not because of their race but because they lived in that district. The council could, to avoid overcrowding and provide efficient education, restrict allocations to "traditional" catchment areas that did not include Manningham. He rejected the argument that the concept of a traditional area was so nebulous as to be irrational.

The court was told that 31.4 per cent of Asian applicants in Manningham did not receive a place at a school of their choice, compared with 5.3 per cent of non-Asians elsewhere in Bradford. The judge said that the correct comparison was with non-Asians in Manningham, of whom 37.5 per cent failed in their choices. Racial prejudice was not proved, he said: "In fact, the imbalance is the other way."

The action was regarded as a test case both by the city council and the Asian community. Muslim groups were angered last month when the education department rejected an application by a north London primary school to become the first voluntary-aided Islamic school.

After the judgment, Adu Bashir, a spokesman for the parents, said that they were disappointed and would decide whether to appeal or to continue their boycott of alternative places. "We would hope that the LEA will feel able to continue to consider possible solutions to our problem," he said.

Treasury freezes new defence purchases

All new defence equipment procurement contracts have been frozen until the present public expenditure round has been completed, on the orders of the Treasury (Michael Evans writes). It is the first warning shot of an expected three-year squeeze.

After last year's spending round, which resulted in cuts in defence expenditure of more than £1 billion over three years, the ministry had hoped to be let off lightly this year. There was also concern that further cuts in equipment and manpower would damage the promise services' capabilities and betray the government's three-year plan to develop smaller but better equipped forces. Now there are fears that another 'list of cuts' is to be imposed on the ministry. A number of equipment orders which had been expected in the last few weeks have failed to materialise.

Man burnt alive in car

A man burnt to death as he slept in a friend's car after a night out may have been the victim of a gangland vendetta. William Kerr, 21, died after friends left him to sleep in the back of the car in Ashton under Lyne, Greater Manchester, intending to drive him home later. A petrol canister was found on the pavement. Police enquiries are continuing.

Homeless total falls

The number of homeless people is continuing to fall, according to local authority figures released yesterday. There were 139,850 homeless households in the year to the end of June, 3 per cent fewer than the previous year. It is the fourth quarter in succession that the total has fallen. The number in bed and breakfast accommodation fell by 41%.

Vendetta blamed for fire

The arsonist who destroyed a mobile building used for bible classes and hymn singing was an atheist who objected to young people learning about Christian values on a holiday camp, it was claimed yesterday. "It is someone who does not believe that is waging a vendetta against us," said a spokesman for the Hampshire Christian Trust.

Businesswoman robbed

Police are hunting four robbers who ambushed a businesswoman aged 68 as she drove home through west Newcastle upon Tyne. Two men attacked her car with crow bars, smashing all the windows before reaching in and taking her handbag and a bag with the day's takings from her business. They also took her car keys before escaping.

Threat to school milk

Millions of British school-children are threatened with loss of subsidised milk because of a budgetary crisis in the European Community. In 1992-3 Britain received £40 million under the scheme and would be worst hit by any cut in the subsidy, which covers three-quarters of the purchase price of the milk.

Race attack boy critical



Quaddus Ali, 17, left, the victim of a race attack in east London, on Wednesday night, was still "critical but stable" after a life-support ventilator at the Royal London Hospital yesterday. Muhammed Hakeem, chairman of the Committee for Bangladeshis' Rights in the UK, is to call at 10 Downing Street today with supporters to protest against the inadequacy of state protection against racial attacks.

Killer extradited

A man convicted of killing his wife and who fled to the Irish Republic will be flown back to custody in Britain today. James Rudman, 40, was arrested in co. Kerry last month, one hour before he was due to gain his freedom because of a loophole in the law. Yesterday he withdrew his appeal against an extradition order.

Bosnia heroine returns

Sally Becker, the independent British aid worker, returns to Bosnia tomorrow, hoping to rescue more victims of fighting. Miss Becker, 33, a Jewish artist from Brighton, has already brought out 15 people from the Muslim-controlled sector of Mostar. Now she wants to rescue the fathers of two Muslim evacuees and a Jewish family. Leading article, page 17

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Woman sues school after bullies drove her to suicide bid

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A WOMAN aged 19, who claims to have been so severely bullied at school that she attempted to commit suicide, is suing her education authority because she says it did nothing to prevent the attacks.

The action, which is being brought in the Court of Session, Scotland's highest civil court, is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. The woman, who does not wish to be named, is claiming £30,000 compensation from Lothian Regional Council.

She alleges that staff at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, failed to protect her from the bullying campaign she had to endure. She says she was subjected to two degrading physical assaults of a sexual nature.

She was also nicknamed "Thunderthighs" by the gang of girls and boys who terrorised her. The bullying became so bad she took a drug overdose. After she recovered from her suicide attempt, she was forced to leave the school and enroll in another.

■ A former schoolgirl's action against a Scottish education authority is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain

Eric Scott, her solicitor, said yesterday: "My client believes the school did nothing to prevent what was happening to her. As far as the curriculum was concerned they don't have a bullying problem. But in many ways her life has been completely altered by these events. She still gets upset about what she went through. Much of it was degrading."

She arrived at the school in 1986 aged 11 and the bullying campaign began in 1988 when the gang taunted her about her weight, reducing her to tears. In one of the attacks that followed, it is claimed she was stripped to the waist in front of a group of boys. Obscene graffiti about her also appeared on school walls. After an attack on her birthday in September 1989, her parents decided enough was enough

and took her out of the school. Eight months later, she enrolled at a private school, but she says she fell behind in her work as the curriculum was different. She claims she did not do as well in her examinations as she should have done, and that her job prospects were affected.

In the court action, which has taken two years to assemble, teaching staff are accused of negligence by failing in their duty to afford pupils the degree of care that would have been exercised by a reasonably careful parent. A spokeswoman for Lothian Region said the matter was being handled by the council's insurance company. "Because of the case's legal nature, I'm afraid we cannot comment."

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Sowerby Bridge grieves for a man's lost wife and child

By Paul Wilkinson

A TINY child's coffin borne by her grieving father epitomised the pain of the quiet Yorkshire mill town of Sowerby Bridge yesterday as its people buried the victims of Monday's lorry crash.

Hundreds of townsfolk, many unable to contain their distress, stood silently on the wet streets as the funeral corteges drove by.

The town witnessed five funerals yesterday, but the most poignant was that of Karen Crossley, 2, who died with her mother Ann, 32, when a 20-tonne lorry ran out of control in the town centre, killing six people.

More than 300 mourners crammed into the 16th century hillside church of St Peter's for a brief service for the mother and daughter. They heard the

Rev John Muir speak of how the disaster had occurred.

"Everyday folk were going about their business, then suddenly comes this terrible tragedy," he said. "We all need to remember that life can be very fragile... we need to treasure it and remember it is very precious."

Many of the congregation, which included emergency service workers who had struggled to free the victims of the crash, had to stand at the rear of the church. More stood outside.

They were urged by the Rev Muir to support Karen's father, David Crossley, and her brother Kevin, 4, "not just now, while it is fresh in our minds, but in the coming days and beyond that. Nobody pretends the future is easy

after a tragedy like this. We know it is going to be desperately hard for the family and those who know them."

There were no hymns, but readings from the Gospels of John and Mark. Among the tributes was a 2ft teddy bear in pink carnations and red roses.

Funerals were held for three other victims of the crash. Beryl Rose, 46, a mother of two, Angela Rooke, 28, a mother of three, and Peter Stott, 42, a BT engineer, all died when the motorway maintenance lorry rammed into Mr Stott's van and pushed it into a shop and two houses.

The funeral of Derek Waterworth, 63, the lorry driver, will take place next week in his home town of Bradford, West Yorkshire.



Lorraine Robinson, who has sickle cell anaemia, was put on probation for three years by a judge at the Old Bailey yesterday after she admitted the manslaughter of her six-month-old baby by striking him on the head with a television remote control panel. Robinson, 27, from

Battersea, south London became severely depressed because of her painful disease. She finally snapped and struck her son Tyrone, causing severe brain damage. Robinson must attend hospital for treatment and receive counselling to help her over her son's death.

First test of Aids vaccine gives hopeful results

FROM NIGEL HAWKES IN PARIS

LARGE-SCALE trials of a vaccine against Aids could begin in Britain within two years after promising results in preliminary tests on human volunteers.

Dr Stanley Plotkin, medical and scientific director of Pasteur Merieux, a leading producer of vaccine, said yesterday that he was less pessimistic than many others about the prospects of an Aids vaccine.

"If we wanted to protect any prominent person against Aids, we could do it now," he said. "But it would be very expensive and would require repeated injections. We haven't anything available yet that is suitable for mass vaccination, but we have information that suggests strongly that we can induce protection against the Aids virus by means that are arduous and not yet adapted to widespread use."

Dr Plotkin, one of the world's leading vaccine experts, will deliver a paper at a conference at Imperial College in London on Monday. He said yesterday that preliminary discussions had been held with the Medical Research Council over vaccine trials in Britain because of the high standard of British clinical science.

Dr Plotkin's optimism, which contrasts with gloom expressed by many at the International Aids Conference in Berlin in June, is based on the first trials of a two-stage vaccine developed by Pasteur Merieux. The first injection consists of a genetically engi-

neered version of a virus that causes a smallpox-like disease in canaries. The canarypox virus is harmless to man, and has been altered by introducing into it the gene for a protein that is found on the outside of the Aids virus HIV. That protein, called gp160, acts as a signal to prime the immune system against HIV.

The second injection consists of the gp160 protein alone. After that "we get a dramatic immune response", Dr Plotkin said.

First tests in healthy volunteers have shown that the vaccine has no ill effects and produces the kind of changes in the immune system needed to protect against infection by HIV. But many uncertainties remain. One is how long the effect will last. Dr Plotkin said. A second was whether people protected against infection themselves might nevertheless be able to infect others.

The Pasteur Merieux team aims to have the vaccine ready for trials in 1995, which the US National Institutes of Health are anxious to organise. Some 3,000 to 10,000 people in high-risk groups throughout the world would be recruited for the trials. Other, simpler vaccines consisting solely of gp160 proteins have been produced and will be rivals for this trial, but Dr Plotkin said that in his opinion, those vaccines are unlikely to work.

If the trials fail flat, Dr Plotkin said, "we're in big trouble". The whole approach to preventing Aids would have to be rethought.

PC denies cell attack

By A Staff Reporter

A POLICE constable yesterday denied at the Old Bailey attacking a prisoner who died from "horrific" injuries in a police station cell.

PC Paul Giles, who was said by Michael Mansfield QC, for the defence, to be the "centre of the case" in which Patrick Quinn, 53, was murdered at Hammersmith police station, rejected the suggestion.

"I did not attack or assault Mr Quinn in any way and I strenuously deny any allegations that are put to me in that

way," PC Giles said. The officer, who was alleged to have a propensity and capacity for violence, arrested Mr Quinn, for drunkenness on Christmas eve, 1990. Later the same night Mr Quinn was found dead in a cell.

Mr Quinn's cell-mate, Malcolm Kennedy, who was arrested for drunkenness in a separate incident, was found guilty of murdering him, but the Court of Appeal quashed his conviction last January and ordered a retrial.

Wilson's Prima Donna

It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of Marcia Williams in Harold Wilson's political career. She was prepared to tell people the things he would have liked to have told them himself but could



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Exclusive extract from Philip Ziegler's biography of Harold Wilson in *The Sunday Times* tomorrow

Smear-test nurse denies mistakes

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

THE nurse at the centre of a cervical smear-test scandal protested her innocence yesterday.

Ina Gordon, 61, a district nurse whose incorrect smear-taking technique led to the recall of 1,100 women for new tests, claimed that she was the victim of a fight for control of the GPs' surgery in Birmingham where she worked.

She said the "dreadful shock" of facing accusations of malpractice had "torn her apart", and she was to end her 23-year career as a state-registered nurse. Mrs Gordon, who now works at a nursing home, apologised to the women who need new tests.

She denied using the wrong instrument — a broad wooden spatula used to depress tongues instead of the spatula designed to scrape cells from inside the rim of the neck of the womb — and claimed she had carried out only 50 smear tests.

"I will never be able to return to nursing after this," she said. "It has had a profound effect on me. I feel bitter and angry that I am being held responsible for things I did not do."

Birmingham family health services authority sacked Ms Gordon last month and has reported her to the UK Central

Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, the nurses' disciplinary body, after Dr Brad Satchwell, a locum GP, saw her using the wrong instrument.

The authority has also reported Dr Ashok Kumar, the GP who employed Ms Gordon, to the General Medical Council for failing to monitor her work. He has surgeries at Kitts Green, Birmingham, and Lea Village, Solihull.

Ms Gordon said: "If the allegations made by Dr Satchwell are true, why did he never tell me that what I was doing was wrong?"



Gordon: "Did not use wrong implement"

Smoker will take hospital to High Court

By Paul Wilkinson

A PATIENT refused cardiac surgery because he is a smoker plans legal action to force the hospital to carry out the operation. In what is thought to be a unique action, the 62-year-old man will seek a High Court judgment ordering the health authority to perform what he believes is its legal duty.

The case involving Roy Towler, an unemployed lorry driver from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, comes less than a month after the death of a man who was refused tests at Wythenshawe Hospital, Greater Manchester, for a heart condition because he would not give up smoking.

Mr Towler has been receiving treatment at Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, for four years for hardening arteries. He says that his consultant, Gerald Brown, told him that unless he cut his smoking from 40 a day there would be no point in carrying out surgery to clear his blood vessels. Mr Towler said: "I reduced it to four or five a day, but was told I would not be considered for an operation."

Mr Brown declined to comment, saying it was a matter between doctor and patient. Pinderfields Hospitals NHS Trust denied a policy of not treating heavy smokers.

And finally, Group 4

By A Staff Reporter

GROUP 4 delivered a prisoner to court five hours after he was due to arrive, leaving his solicitor and court officials to sit and wait for him.

Stephen Leach, 20, was taken to five other courts by the security firm before finally arriving at Pudsey Magistrates' Court, West Yorkshire, three hours after all other business had finished.

Kerry Macgill, Leach's solicitor, is demanding that Group 4 helps to pay the costs of the wasted time. He will consider legal action if the firm refuses. "Quite frankly, the whole episode was a comedy of errors," he said yesterday. "I have written to

Group 4 inviting them to consider paying towards the bill."

Leach, of Bradford, was due to arrive at Pudsey at 9.30am from the Moorlands remand centre near Doncaster to answer a charge of breaching an attendance centre order. But instead he was taken with other prisoners to courts at Bradford, Wakefield, Keighley, Dewsbury and Otley, before finally arriving at Pudsey at 2.20pm. He was then given a 12-month probation order.

Group 4 declined to discuss the case but said that any legal action would be defended vigorously.

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Opponents say traffic proposals will imprison them on fume-filled island

Battle looms over £130m bridge to beat Thames jams

By TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are braced for a concerted challenge over plans to build a £130 million bridge across the Thames to ease jams around the Blackwall tunnel in east London, which is approached each day with dread by thousands of motorists.

The 100-year-old north-bound tunnel, used by juggernauts to London from the Channel ports, was built for the horse and cart and travellers who use it are increasingly subject to frustrating delays as drivers of over-height lorries ignore visual and electronic warnings and try without success to drive through it.

On average, it takes specialist police units more than 90 minutes a day to sort out the disruption caused by the four or five lorries stopped at the last minute by electronically triggered traffic lights. The chaos leads to tailbacks of up to five miles. During cleaning in the early hours, south-bound drivers can queue for up to half an hour.

However, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has been warned that if he tries to force through plans for a bridge he will be met with the same kind of opposition that led him to abandon the proposal for an east London

crossing by driving a road through Oxleas wood.

Local Blackwall residents claim a four-lane, 350-metre bridge spanning the river at a height of 50 metres, with 129-metre high towers on each bank, would combine with other road schemes to leave many of them effectively imprisoned on a noisy, fume-filled island.

Tower Hamlets borough council is "vehemently" opposed to the scheme and has been joined by business interests, tenants' associations and environmental groups who believe the bridge would attract more traffic through their area. Greenwich Borough Council is also unhappy with the proposals.

Mr MacGregor has invited comments from interested parties, but the council has questioned the authenticity of the consultation process because he has already rejected the option of building a new tunnel at an estimated cost of £185 million.

Gwyneth Deakins, chair of Tower Hamlets policy committee, who recently met Steven Norris, transport minister for London, said: "If he [Norris] didn't know the views of local people before, he is under no illusion now."

She claimed that a new river

crossing at Blackwall might not be necessary if local traffic management schemes were co-ordinated with big projects such as the CrossRail project and the Jubilee Line Underground extension as part of overall plan to improve public transport.

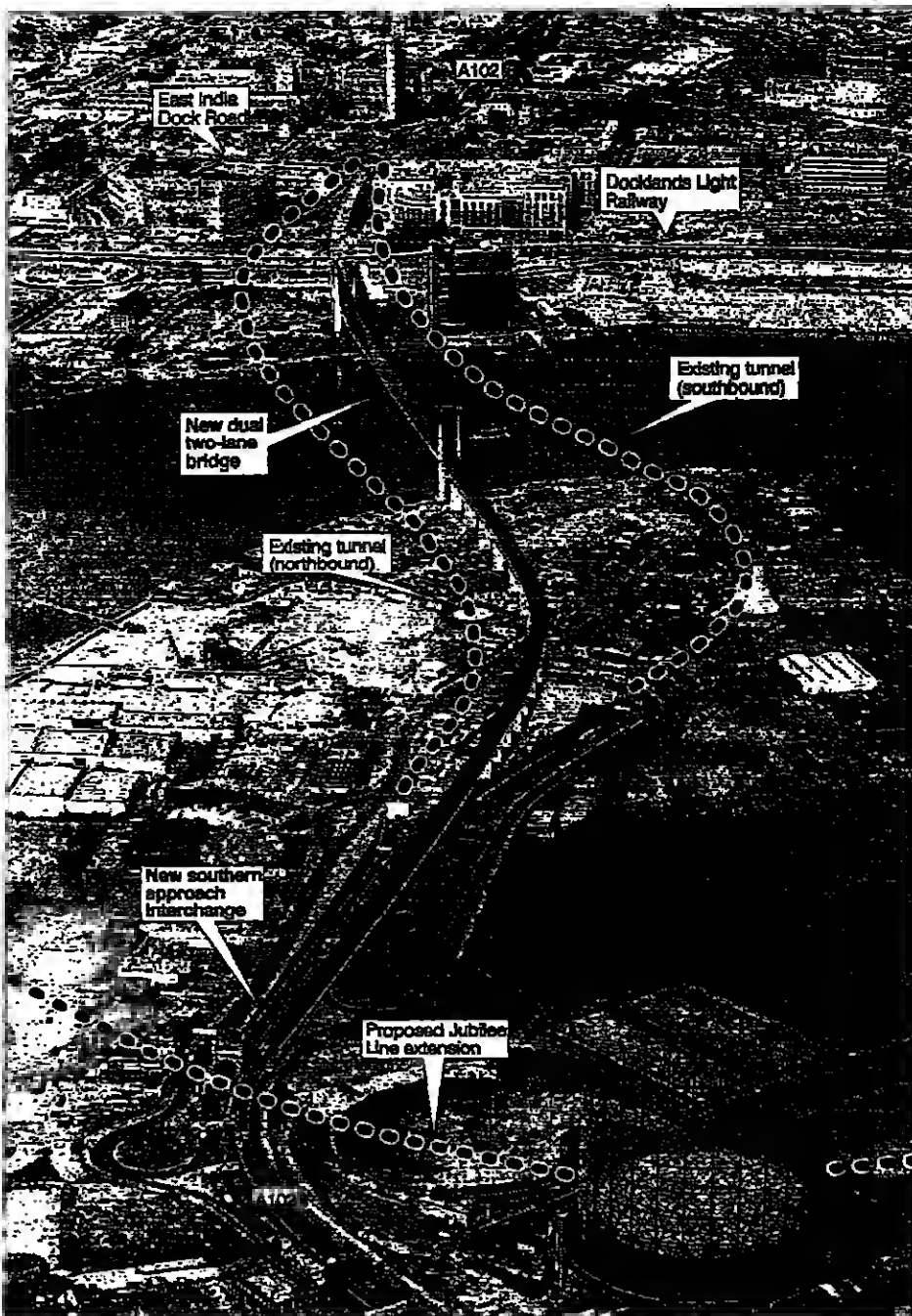
She said: "What is good news for Oxleas Wood could be a major disaster for Tower Hamlets. But if, after that, there is still the demand for a third crossing then it has to be a tunnel."

The transport department concedes the bridge would have a significant visual impact on the area, particularly on properties adjacent to the existing northern tunnel approach.

It claims, however, that it would make a "positive and exciting contribution to the city and river landscapes" as well as aiding the regeneration of the whole area.

The department has rejected the tunnel option, claiming it would take twice as long to build and have far less capacity.

While the transport department claims either scheme would involve the demolition of only 12 houses, Tower Hamlets council believes that 300 families would have to be moved.



Britons lead trek into uncharted sand mountains

By JAMES LANDALE

IT IS a journey never previously undertaken, into some of the least explored and most inhospitable territory in the world, through a desert which the local inhabitants say you can never leave.

Later this month, 11 Britons will set off on a two-and-a-half month journey across a sea of sand 700 miles long in north-west China. It is called the Taklimakan, which in local dialect means: "You go in but you do not come out."

Taking 30 camels to carry supplies and equipment, the team aims to travel ten miles a day on foot across dunes up to 400ft high. They will also have to overcome temperatures that rise to 90°F during the day, then drop to minus 40°F at night.

Five members of the team will begin the crossing with two Chinese explorers and four local Uighur camel handlers on September 24. The other six will provide the back-up team in four-wheel-drive vehicles along the old silk route south of the desert from which they will rendezvous with the expedition twice during the journey.

Major Charles Blackmore, 36, an officer in the Royal Green Jackets and expedition leader, said that the trip had never been made before because China had been closed to outsiders for much of this century and because of local suspicion of the desert. He said yesterday: "The primary object is exploration. Nobody has ever crossed the Desert of Death by this route before."

Major Blackmore, an experienced desert explorer who in 1985 retraced the steps of Lawrence of Arabia, said: "There is something about the desert that draws you back." He said the expedition, which has the Duke of Edinburgh as its patron and Sir Edward Heath as its director, was possible only at this time of year because in the summer the desert became a furnace, and in the winter a frozen wasteland. "The most difficult part of the expedition is going to be maintaining the speed."

each day to make the rendezvous with the back-up team in time. That will be dictated by the fitness of the camels and the height of the sand dunes.

The last expedition across the desert was attempted by Sir Aurel Stein, the British explorer, at the turn of the century; he was forced to turn back after a week. Several years earlier, a trip by Sven Hedin, a Swedish explorer, ended in tragedy when he and five others in his eight-strong team died.

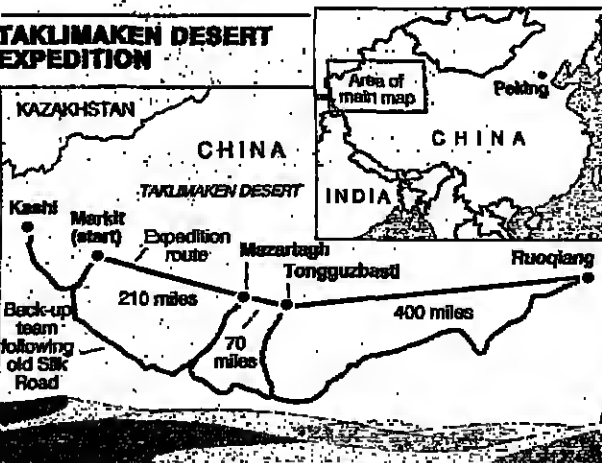
Navigation will be done by dead reckoning with a compass backed up by a hand-held satellite positioning system used by the army during the Gulf war. High-frequency radios and satellite communications will allow the team to keep in contact with the back-up team and London.

The expedition, which will carry out scientific research including measuring the climate and collecting meteorites, aims to raise funds for the Leonora Children's Cancer Fund, which was set up by Lord and Lady Romsey after their daughter Leonora died of cancer in 1991.

The explorers also intend to rediscover ancient Buddhist settlements which have been lost in the shifting sands for centuries. These will be classified, surveyed and photographed for the British Library and the British Museum.

Carolyn Ellis, 31, a former army nurse who served in the Gulf war, is the team medic and its only female member. Having been on an expedition in east Africa in 1989 accompanied by 20 men, she is undaunted at the prospect of being the only woman on the trip. "We have been working together for the past six months and if there were any problems I think Charles would have told me by now," she said.

Unofficially, she is also the team vet. Although the four Uighur camel handlers will look after the animals, she has been visiting zoos and boning up on camel anatomy just in case.



Forgetful computer mimics the brain

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A COMPUTER as forgetful as the human brain has won a prize for two British scientists. Like the average citizen, it finds it impossible to remember a telephone number longer than about seven digits and makes the same mistakes as we do, commonly interchanging neighbouring digits.

Dr Neil Burgess of University College London and Professor Graham Hitch of Lancaster University designed the computer to help them to understand how memory works. Today, they will explain their results to the cognitive section of the British Psychological Society conference in Cambridge, which has awarded them

the prize for the best scientific paper of 1992.

We make our short-term memory work, Dr Burgess says, by repeating things over and over to ourselves. The memory decays after one or two seconds, so unless a telephone number can be repeated within this period, it will not be recalled — so we can remember a seven-figure number but not one with 12 digits.

Dr Burgess and Professor Hitch used a technique known as a neural network which mimics the brain. Not only did the computer make mistakes, but it made the right kind of mistakes. This shows that the complex operation of short-term

memory can be explained by simple rules followed by the brain cells.

Getting a telephone number wrong, for example, appears to be a result of the digits competing to be recalled. Sometimes, a digit further down the list will jump ahead of its neighbour in the contest to be remembered. For the same reason, when we stumble over a sentence it often takes the form of saying the end before we have got to the middle.

"We have not solved the problem of human memory," says Dr Burgess, "but this research takes us one step closer to understanding this commonplace but remarkable ability."

Boy friend 'trained child like gladiator'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUNG man who subjected his girl friend's son to violence and cruelty was locked away yesterday. He told police that he had wanted to bring up a child "who could look after himself".

In one incident, the man held the six-year-old boy in a bath of bitterly cold water and forced him to eat a bar of soap because he had made mistakes during reading practice. Doctors who subsequently examined the boy found 30 separate injuries, including a fractured rib.

At Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday, the 20-year-old man, who cannot be named to avoid identifying his victim, was sent to a young offenders' institution for 30 months. Judge Stephenson told him: "Your attitude throughout was as if you were training him to be a gladiator, rather than looking after him. You should have been able to see this child was suffering."

You dealt with him very savagely."

He added that the man, who had denied the cruelty charges, had shown no regrets over his actions at the family home in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. "If there had been the slightest suggestion of remorse, a probation order might have been more appropriate. But there is no remorse. He is putting on a bold front, and it seems very difficult for him to appear sorry, if indeed he is."

Judge Stephenson said he realised that the man was an inexperienced person who had been put in the position of a parent, but added: "This is much too serious to be passed over by anything less than a custodial sentence."

A video of the boy being interviewed by a woman detective was shown during the trial. In it, the boy said: "He hurts me because he doesn't like me. He is evil."

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Meat cleavers, axes, machetes, baseball bats and a samurai sword were recovered when police arrested seven youths in Poplar and Bow, east London, in an effort to curb gang violence.

In an incident involving a shotgun on a council estate in Bow a week ago, police believe four people were injured, but only one has come forward.

Minder guilty

Kulvinder Kaur Khalsa, a registered child-minder from Southall, west London, who left five small children alone in February for 40 minutes, has been ordered to do 100 hours' community service by Isleworth Crown Court.

Stallion dies

A Shetland pony stallion that died after its sexual organs were ripped off at Wadhurst, Sussex, may have been the latest victim in a series of perverted attacks on horses.

Fatal crash

Dorothea Neyens, an international banker's wife, of Chelsea, west London, died when her Range Rover crashed off the M40 and burst into flames.

Fifth arrest

A fifth man has been arrested in Falkirk in connection with the murder by a gunman of Donald Urquhart, a millionaire businessman.

Farm death

Mark Tremain, 26, bled to death after his arm became caught in machinery at a farm at Lanreath, Cornwall.

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Britons lead into uncharted sand mountains

Union leaders predict winter of discontent over pay curbs

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Bassett

UNION leaders predicted a wave of industrial disruption this winter in response to the Chancellor's decision to impose another year of tight public-sector pay restraint.

On the final day of the TUC conference in Brighton, leaders of many of Britain's five million public servants were queuing up to denounce Kenneth Clarke's plans for minimal increases. Mr Clarke stoked the flames by adding that with inflation at 1.4 per cent, workers should not expect automatic annual pay rises. He dismissed the union threats as sabre-rattling.

Alan Jinkinson, general secretary of the Unison public services union, said: "The government only just got away with it this year but they are unlikely to get away with it again." John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, declared that a further round of pay restriction was "completely unacceptable". He said: "The possibility of real trouble will be very great indeed."

The initial trigger for the union backlash was Mr Clarke's speech to the Scottish CBI on Thursday night in which he made clear he would not be easing the tight curbs on the £80 billion public-sector pay bill. Yesterday, in a BBC radio interview, he went further by calling for an end to automatic annual pay rises.

"We have got to get used to a climate in which Britain is now in control of inflation. We do not [need to] have this annual performance whereby significant well organised groups think every year their pay has got to go up and to give them a real increase in their living standards." Treas-

ury officials confirmed that although Mr Clarke did not intend a repetition of this year's 1.5 per cent public-sector pay ceiling, an end to the formal pay norm would not mean an easing of the brakes.

Meanwhile, the internal Tory dispute on tax and spending rumbled on with John Redwood, the cabinet minister most opposed to tax rises, urging dissident backbenchers to write to the Chancellor to emphasise the "weight of opinion" against such a move. But Mr Redwood, the Welsh secretary, sought to step back into line publicly by saying he would back the Chancellor if his Budget judgment was that taxes had to rise.

Public-sector employers also indicated that they believed that Mr Clarke's tough stance would increase the likelihood that council workers and firefighters would vote for strikes over pay.

White-collar local authority employees are currently battling on action over a 1.5 per cent pay offer in line with the government's current pay policy. Firefighters are expected to ballot on national strike action if, as looks likely, their employers later this month insist that they too can only make a 1.5 per cent pay offer.

Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades' Union, said: "It definitely increases the likelihood of our people voting yes in the ballot for strike action." Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, attacked the prospect of further pay restraint in the public sector as "unfair, hypocritical and an attempt to scapegoat public servants".

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After nine years as TUC general secretary, Norman Willis takes his farewell at Brighton, joining in song with his successor, John Monks

Willis bows out in his usual style

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

NORMAN Willis bowed out yesterday very much in the style of his nine years as general secretary of the Trades Union Congress. His farewell speech on the last day of the TUC conference in Brighton was vintage Willis: rambling and discursive, funny and emotional.

The press tables were full most of the morning, largely because Mr Willis was sitting at them. After years of suffering at the hands of the press, he placed himself among the hacks to write his end-of-career speech. When he took the stage, the press indulged in their usual sport of trying to spot the ending as Mr Willis's rambling sentences built false trail upon false trail.

Quoting Shelley and poking fun at his old union, the TGWU transport workers, he produced a fine flow of Willisms, including the economic insight: "I believe you should always live within your means, even if you have to borrow to do so."

A man endlessly accused of woolly thinking, he summed up his work at a private dinner this week: "Looking back on my career, sometimes I wonder if I haven't sacrificed jocularity for precision."

Young tearaways seize issues for Thatcherite joyride

By Nicholas Wood
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN



The Young Conservatives seem doomed to be forever out of step with their political elders. In the 1980s, when Thatcherite radicalism reigned, the Tories' youth wing was in the grip of the left and the grown-ups found themselves under persistent sniper fire in the cause of caring Conservatism.

Now the positions are reversed. The right has seized control of the YCs but lost the main prize. The scene is set for fireworks at the party conference in Blackpool next month.

Andrew Rosindell, 27, the self-confessed Essex man who chairs the YCs, protests his loyalty to the prime minister, but his endorsement is less

than enthusiastic. "Margaret Thatcher was the person who inspired most of our generation to join. We give our support to John Major as her successor."

Mr Rosindell, who backed the call for a referendum on Maastricht and who parades his Essex origins with the help of a bull terrier called Spike, says that the YCs want to put

the rows over Europe behind them. This would seem to rule a repetition of the uproar at the organisation's own conference in Southend in February when, to the delight of the audience, one speaker tore up the treaty at the microphone.

But Central Office officials are right to cast a wary eye over their youth wing. With the YCs planning three fringe meetings in Blackpool, there will be plenty of scope for dissident ministers and MPs to air their criticisms of Mr Major's leadership and renew the arguments over tax and spending.

Neatly safeguarding themselves against accusations of disloyalty, the organisation's leaders have borrowed a phrase from Mr Major's conference speech last year, "Britain first", as their theme. But

the flavour Mr Rosindell imparts to it — a minimal role for the state, standing up to Brussels, promoting enterprise and individual responsibility, a revival of traditional standards of morality and an assault on trendy educationists — could be too strong for most of the cabinet.

With the future of the welfare state becoming a battleground for the factions inside the Tory party, YC plans to publish a manifesto at the conference for a fifth term of Conservative rule are likely to prove another flashpoint.

The centre-left faction in the YCs may be in retreat but its voice is not entirely silent. Rob McLean, 26, who works for the merchant bankers Hambros, is chairman of the Eastern area, one of the few parts of the country to resist the

blandishments of the right. He condemns what he regards as the ruling clique's obsession with political dogma. "The YCs should be campaigning on the issues that affect young people, such as housing, drugs and Aids." Tearing up the Maastricht treaty was a "cheap stunt that did nobody any good".

But Mr Major should not despair totally of the generation gap. After nifty footwork by Central Office chiefs, the party's student wing is in safer hands. Conservative Collegiate Forum, with a membership estimated at 8,000-10,000 compared with the YCs' 4,500, promises to be more supportive than its better-known but unruly sibling, Tim Kevan, 22, its national director, says of

the prime minister: "We think he is a good leader and he treats the students well."

The forum's fringe meeting will be addressed by Gerry Malone, a deputy chairman of the party, and Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, both of whom can be relied upon to toe the party line. Mr Kevan adds that there is pleasure in the forum that ministers have at last agreed to end the so-called closed shop operated by the National Union of Students.

With the Tory establishment planning to boost the forum's strength at the conference and in party committees at the expense of the YCs, there can be no doubt which organisation is Mr Major's favourite. As one insider put it: "The YCs know they will have to be careful next month."

Be flexible, Mayhew tells the Unionists

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, warned Unionist MPs last night not to stand in the way of fresh talks as the Irish government refused to rule out intervention by a US-appointed peace envoy (Sheila Gunn writes).

British and Irish ministers met in London yesterday and made clear that hopes of preventing a political vacuum and fresh waves of terrorism now rest with the Unionists.

Dick Spring, the Irish deputy prime minister, said:

"We cannot afford the luxury of despair."

The last round of talks collapsed in November 1992. Unionist MPs are reluctant to resume negotiations unless the Irish government gives up its territorial claim to the province, but Sir Patrick urged them to adopt a more "flexible" approach.

The Irish government insists its first objective is for fresh talks, but Mr Spring said that the goodwill of US politicians who raised the prospect of an envoy should not be underestimated.

Tory 'dissenters' cold-shouldered

By Arthur Leathley

CONSERVATIVE plans to reform grass-roots power threaten to provoke an internal battle next week when proposals are unveiled to reduce the influence of educationists, trades unionists and the party's youth wing.

An internal party report will call for the Tory national education advisory committee to be abolished and high cuts in the number of Conservative trades unionists and Young Conservatives allowed to attend the annual conference. Senior party members said yesterday that the plans were shortsighted and would "tear the party apart".

The party's National Union executive committee, which controls the work of voluntary activists, wants to redistribute the power of grass-root sections of the party by increasing the proportion of conference representatives sent by constituency associations.

To achieve this, a working party of three suggests numbers sent to conference by Young Conservatives should be cut from 1,163 to 233 and by the Conservative Trade Unionists from 587 to 53. Al-

though many available conference places are unused, members of the two sections say they are being unfairly discriminated against. With other reductions, the moves would cut the proportion of conference members sent by "advisory" committees from 58 per cent to 36 per cent. This would be balanced by an increase in the proportion of constituency representatives from 42 per cent to 58 per cent. "This is aimed at making the party more narrow-minded after a period in which it tried to expand its appeal," said a member of the National Union executive committee, which considers the proposals next week. "The party is reverting to a system in which only older, wealthier members can attend conference. It is designed to cut out dissent."

Sir Basil Feldman, chairman of the National Union executive committee, said he was dismayed that the report had been leaked. "It is simply a discussion paper and we are not in any tearing hurry to put these proposals into effect."

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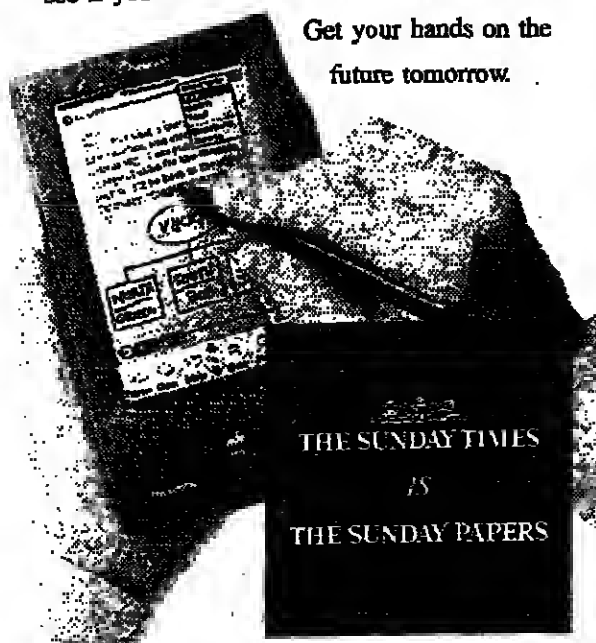
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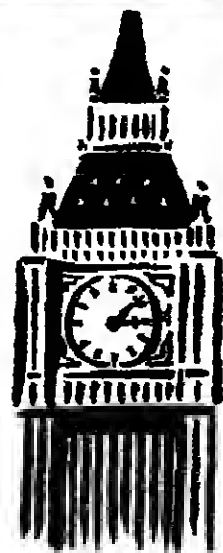
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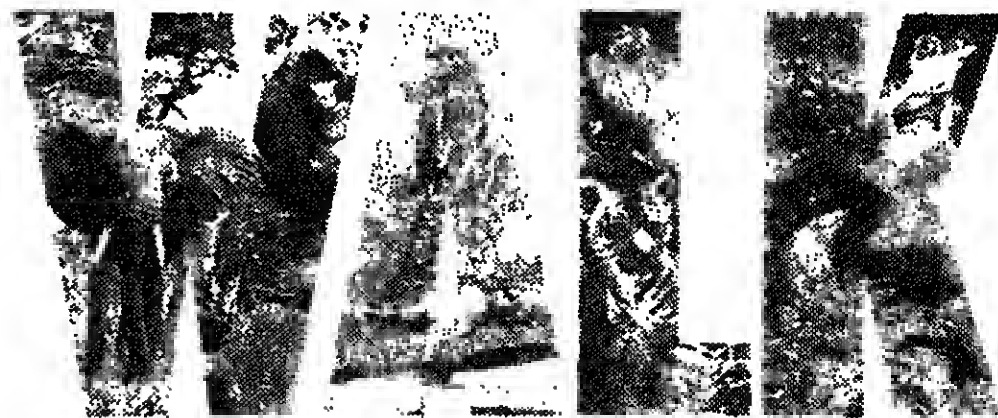
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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



■ Nigel Short has expressed satisfaction with his game so far, despite Kasparov's lead in the early stages

■ Garry Kasparov insists he is pacing himself — his best chess of the tournament, he promises, is yet to come

■ Both players agree that Short had a fine chance to win the second game, but pushed a pawn too far

Protagonists vow to raise heat of battle

BY DANIEL JOHNSON

AFTER two games of *The Times* World Chess Championship, Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov are both promising to raise the temperature in today's encounter. Although Kasparov enjoys a lead of one-and-a-half points to a half, Short remains as satisfied as Kasparov with his own chess. Both men concede that they are still playing themselves in.

Short said he was "not at all worried" by the score and from Michael Stean, his second, came the message yesterday: "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Despite their alleged animosity, in exclusive interviews with *The Times* after the second game both Short and Kasparov were remarkably complimentary about each other's play. Kasparov described Thursday's draw as "a very difficult game", and praised Short's coolness under pressure. "He's very stable. Of course, I have more experience of world championship matches. It's very exhausting — you use up a lot of energy. But I think I am pacing myself well."

The world champion was cautious about assessing the

match after only two of the 24 games. "Thursday's game was typical of these matches: there were mistakes, due to tension. But I think I'm getting back to my best form, after six months without playing. We will only be able to see what is happening after the first six games."

Nigel Short, too, praised his opponent for "defending very, very well" in the second game, and for behaving "absolutely correctly at the board — so far", with no hint of the gamesmanship Short has criticised in the past. "I guess he will continue to act as a gentleman, unless maybe he goes several games down."

Short was reluctant to be drawn on his own handling of Kasparov's favourite Sicilian Defence in Thursday's game. "Don't ask me anything about the immediate opening. I have my own views about what he is doing," Short evidently fears giving the slightest clue about his plans to the Kasparov camp: the war of nerves continues even during rest days.

The nagging question that remains in the minds of Short's fans is: can he exploit his chances and score wins

against Kasparov? "My technique is fine. If I play good chess, I will beat him," Short replied. "I just need to move it a notch higher."

Short is contemptuous of some critics in the media: "I noticed after the first game that I was facing a 'whitewash' — that was in *The Daily Telegraph*. Most of these people don't know what they're talking about, to be quite honest. They read too much into past results."

After facing Kasparov twice over the board this week, Short is more rather than less confident. "That lead can go in one game. Kasparov has a reputation for being a 'mistake-free zone'. This is not true at all. He admits he makes mistakes. He's not a fool. But they are not easy to exploit — you have to play supremely well."

Short will show whether he can rise to the occasion this afternoon. The odds are against him scoring his first victory today, because wins with Black are rare in world championship matches. But Short showed that he could win with Black against Boris Gelfand and Jan Timman.

Chess wars, page 1



Nigel Short goes over Thursday's game

Square too far cost Short victory in second game

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short pressed Garry Kasparov almost to the edge of defeat in the second game of *The Times* World Chess Championship.

Both players agreed in their exclusive post-mortem discussion with *The Times* that on move 37 Short, once again harried by the clock, could have pushed a pawn one square instead of two and had the champion on the ropes.

White: Short
Black: Kasparov
Sicilian Defence
1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 d6
3 d4 cxd4
4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 a6
6 Bg5 Nc6
7 Qc2 e6
8 Q-O-O Bc7
9 f4 h6
10 Bh4 g5

That move sets a diabolical trap, the point of which is revealed on move 13.

11 Kg6 Ng4
12 Nf3 h5
13 Bg3
The trap set by Black when he played 10...g5 is that if instead 13 Bg5 snapping at the bait of the extra pawn, then 13...f6, 14 Bf4e5, 15 Be3 Nxe3, 16 Qxe3 Bf6, pinning White's queen to his king and thus winning the game.

13...Bg7
14 Be2 Ng5
15 Kf2 b5
16 Rf1

White's prospects lie on the open file. That is the vulnerable point in the Black camp. Short, therefore, concentrates the heavy armament of his rooks in that sector. This is the first move in the game that varies from chess precedent.

16...Rc8
17 Nxe5 Nxe5
18 Rf2 R6
19 Rf1 Bc8
20 a3 Bc7
21 N3 Nc4

Kasparov: "White's bishop on e2 is such a dangerous piece for me. That's why I am forcing him to trade it off for my knight. However, I could have played 21...Rc5."

Barbican hosts free club for children

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Sick Children's Trust is organising a national chess festival to raise money for its work. If you want to help or have ideas to contribute, call Hilary Gilmore or Marion McGrath on 071 405 8214.

Meanwhile, the London Chess Festival is focusing on two venues. One is the London Chess Centre, 369 Euston Road, London NW1 3AR (071 388 2404). There is an open house all day until October 30 for friendly games and informal tournaments, plus live commentary on playing days, all-night blitz events on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and master classes with adult and junior coaching throughout the event.

The second focus of the festival will be the Barbican in the City of London, where the European Chess Club Cup match will be played next weekend from Friday to Sunday.

There will be quick-play tournaments on September 26 and October 17 and a free junior club for boys and girls of all strengths during the festival on Saturdays. A chess library is available and coaching will be given by ELO-rated and titled players. Contacts are Gary Kenworthy (0992 715589) and John McAllister (071 250 7437 or 081 200 6683).

During the festival, Hamleys in Regent Street, London, is featuring chess sets and talking chess games on its fourth floor. On selected dates, chess masters will give informal advice at the shop on playing techniques (call 071 388 8225).

The international master Andrew Whiteley, captain of the King's Head chess club, is to conduct classes every Wednesday, starting next week. They will be held from 6.45pm to 8.45pm at The Durham Castle, 30 Alexander Street, London W2 (enquiries to 071 229 4233 between 7pm and 9pm).

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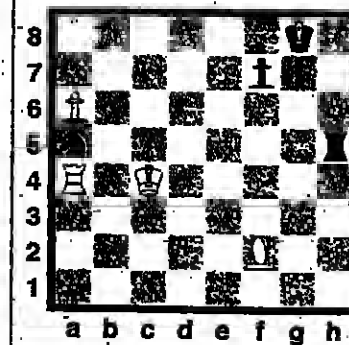
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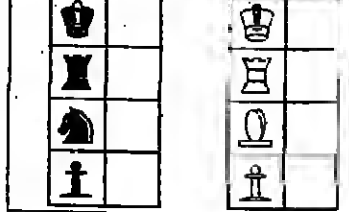
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Tories to privatise income tax records

By MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

COMPUTER processing of millions of confidential tax details will be privatised next year, the Inland Revenue confirmed yesterday.

Annual notification of individual and corporate tax assessments, tax codings and reimbursement of excess tax will be transferred to one of the two short-listed companies bidding for the lucrative government contract. Inland Revenue officials said.

The move will affect all 34 million taxpayers on the pay-as-you-earn and self-employed schemes in Britain, as well as the estimated eight million payers of corporate, trust and other tax.

Inland Revenue officials will continue to handle individual and company tax returns, including the Queen, MPs, the security services and celebrities, to ensure that their tax

■ Privatisation of Inland Revenue details affecting all 34 million income tax payers has raised worries about confidentiality

details are not leaked to the press or public, officials said.

CSC Europe-IBM UK and EDS-Scicon, two of the world's biggest information technology companies, who are bidding for the contract, will be told who has won in the next few months. The contract will last for ten years and could be worth £2 billion.

Responding to fears that the transfer could undermine taxpayer privacy and confidentiality, Steve Matheson, an Inland Revenue deputy chairman, said that there could never be a 100 per cent guarantee that employees, in either the public or private sector, would not go on "fishing expeditions about well-known taxpayers".

However, anyone who illegally obtained access to personal tax information held on computer would leave a trace that could be identified, he said. In addition, while no strategy could prevent some-

one from photocopying tax assessments before they went into the post, it would be difficult to do so without being seen by other staff.

Under the 1989 Finance Act, unauthorised disclosure of personal tax information by public or private sector employees carries a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment and an unlimited fine, Mr Matheson said. Inland Revenue officials will have the right to monitor and carry out random checks on the successful bidder.

Clive Brooke, the general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which represents 57,000 employees, said: "The British public should be very concerned about the plans. It is not just the computer operations which are being sold off. They have also announced plans to transfer typing and secretarial functions, including all private correspondence."



Rhys Daniels leaves hospital in Bristol yesterday with his father Barry after a bone marrow transplant

Boy goes home after transplant

A YOUNG boy left hospital yesterday less than two months after receiving a pioneering bone marrow transplant that his parents fought for in the High Court.

Doctors at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol, say that Rhys Daniels, 2, has made such progress that he is now well enough to go home. He will have check-ups at a hospital nearer his home in Epping, Essex.

Rhys, with his father Barry, 35, waved excitedly to cameramen after saying goodbye to the staff who have cared for him in a special unit since July. There was a special hug for Sister Jane Cahill, a favourite nurse.

The boy suffers from Batten's Disease, a rare genetic disorder that affects the brain and can lead to death by the age of seven. Consultants hope the transplant will save his life by halting the disease - the first time the condition has been treated in this way.

He was due to have a transplant at Westminster Children's Hospital in April but the unit closed. A judge censured two health authorities over the cancellation.

Old buildings warm to solar cell walls

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

OFFICES, supermarkets and hotels are likely to become mini power stations fuelled by a new generation of cheap and efficient solar cells.

Academics and engineers at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle have secured £320,000 from the European Commission for Europe's first building with outside walls clad in solar panels. They will replace traditional weatherproofing materials in the 1960s computer building with sheets of cells that will not only protect the block but produce environmentally friendly electricity.

Professor Robert Hill, a solar power expert at the university, said: "The wall will appear black and silvery." He believes that the solar cells, which will cover 400 sq metres of a south-facing wall, will provide up to half the building's energy needs in summer

and a tenth in winter. On some days, the solar cells could generate a surplus. The electricity will be fed into nearby buildings to reduce the university's energy bill.

A government-backed study shows that, even in cloudy Britain, a tenth to a fifth of the nation's electricity needs could be met by solar cells attached to the walls of urban buildings. The cost of the electricity produced by the Newcastle building will be about 40p a unit compared to 80p a unit, the current price charged to the consumer by the electricity companies.

However, calculations by Professor Hill and studies by industry indicate that the price of solar power in Britain could rival coal, oil and gas by 2010. Sales of solar cells worldwide are growing at a rate of 25 per cent, which is causing the price of the units to fall.

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Taking family life to the next century

Philip Goodrich

I believe the family will survive into the 21st century, though it would be foolish to underestimate the forces that threaten it in the West. So, if it is to survive, it will need support.

An International Year of the Family next year will not take us far unless key questions are asked by the best minds. We need some clarity and some dispassionate appraisal as well as candid self-knowledge as we look at the issues for the family and for society in general. For example, can we really focus on the family without also focusing on marriage? If, as some say, marriage is out and relationships are in, then how many children are to suffer while their parents sort out their relationships? The churches have always solemnised matrimony and commended the family, but exhortation will not be enough. They can promote the debate, and since they are in the business of discovering the truth, they can help see that it is a debate where self-deception on all our parts is cleared away as far as possible.

It is a commonplace that people need to love and be loved, but love cannot be free-ranging. It also has to be channelled or, if you like, covenanted. Love can be a flood, but it also needs to be a mill stream to drive and to achieve a purpose. People need relationships in which each individual matters, and none can be treated as usable or disposable. They need stability in which growth is possible, and personalities can become what they have in it to become. Where

parents are growing emotionally, children can be given space to grow.

Security is another need. It spells acceptance, tomorrow and will not be at the mercy of whim or feelings. Out of such security, people can be adventurous. And no one can grow from childhood to adulthood without wounds. If parents are helping to heal each other, they will know how to help heal their children.

Add permanence and faithfulness and you have something very like the institution of marriage and the family which the



churches and our culture commend. Of course, the family can go horribly wrong. In times like ours, when conventional signs have been rubbed out and the culture has been fragmented, new efforts are needed to educate people for family life. Education in parenting should be offered in every secondary and public school. Men are the worst offenders: some have been such irresponsible and disruptive parents that, for many women, a man about the house is by no means an asset.

Alternatives to the family are often so bizarre that I believe the original pattern will survive, but it will need to be re-established out of an intelligent reappraisal that churches should encourage. It will also need conviction and commitment. You achieve only social chaos by the motto: "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe it doesn't matter."

□ The Right Rev Philip Goodrich is Bishop of Worcester and chairman of The Children's Society.

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Helicopter gunship attack focuses US debate on role in multinational operations

Congress demands clear Somalia goals

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

THE deadly "last-ditch" attack by US helicopters on women and children in Mogadishu has provoked urgent new concerns in Washington about its forces in Somalia and also raised questions over America's role in future United Nations peacekeeping operations elsewhere.

Senators, who were appalled by the latest clash, voted overwhelmingly for a resolution demanding that President Clinton define his "game plan" in Somalia by October 15 and seek congressional authorisation for continued troop deployment a month later. The non-binding resolution also urged that America "facilitate" the takeover of its responsibilities in Somalia by the UN.

At the same time, General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, voiced a strong warning against precipitous withdrawal. It would be a mistake, he said, "to cut and run because things have gotten a little tough".

■ President Clinton has, at least for now, dissuaded Capitol Hill from insisting on an imminent pullout by the American forces

For many Americans the turmoil in Somalia is reminiscent of Vietnam, especially the latest incident where the line between civilians and combatants became blurred and women and children were killed. Somalia is also casting its shadow over the proposal to send as many as 25,000 US peacekeepers to Bosnia, another open-ended and exceedingly risky commitment.

It became clear during the Senate debate that support for involvement in Somalia has crumbled now that the threat of starvation has largely abated and the operation has degenerated into a power struggle between UN forces and those loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord.

Mr Clinton was dismayed by the original amendment proposed by Robert Byrd, the chairman of the Senate appro-

priations committee, which would have brought home the 5,000 US troops in the UN force within two months. Pleading with congressional leaders to drop the amendment, Mr Clinton said it would undermine his presidency and send a signal of American weakness around the globe.

The "game plan" compromise was passed by 90 votes to seven only after two days of debate. Senators were divided over whether to impose a deadline for American withdrawal. Also at issue was the War Powers Act, which requires the president to obtain congressional approval for dispatching American troops overseas. Presidents have generally ignored the act on the ground that it undermines their authority.

CNN crew killed, page 1



A Somali child injured in a grenade attack on a UN convoy in Mogadishu yesterday being carried from the scene. Five Somalis, four of them children, and two American soldiers were injured in the attack, the first time local gunmen have engaged heavily armoured vehicles

Lagos says troops died for refusing to pay off militia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NIGERIA has told the United Nations that the reason its peacekeepers were massacred in Mogadishu last Sunday was that they refused to accept a deal struck by Italian UN troops to pay protection money to Somali clansmen loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord.

Seven Nigerian soldiers were killed as they tried to replace Italian peacekeepers manning the notorious Checkpoint Pasta in the Somali capital. According to a confidential Nigerian aide sent to UN headquarters, Italian and Nigerian officers met elders of the general's Habr Gidir clan a few days earlier to ensure a smooth transfer of control at the checkpoint.

The clansmen told the Nigerian officers that the Italian contingent had been paying protection money to the elders and militiamen in the area

proved, the charges could force the withdrawal of the Italian contingent from the country. The Italian component of the 28-nation force has been embroiled in controversy since three Italian troops were killed at Checkpoint Pasta in July, the first Italian casualties in combat since the second world war.

The Italian force retook the checkpoint only after talks with General Aidid's followers, during which the alleged deal was struck. The Italians, who have been accused of refusing to follow UN orders, were due this week to be sent to join another Italian contingent in northern Somalia.

Lieutenant Colonel Ola Oyindola, the head of the Nigerian unit in Somalia, said the Italians did not come to the aid of his men during last Sunday's ambush. Italy says the Nigerian convoy was 500 yards from the Italian checkpoint and the Italians had to remain in place to protect themselves.

Ibrahim Gambari, Nigeria's UN ambassador, has written a strong letter of protest to the UN secretary-general. "Nigeria," he wrote, "feels that the murder of its troops was premeditated, unprovoked, barbaric and preventable."

Despite the continued fighting in Mogadishu and a recent UN call for an extra 5,000 troops to be sent to Somalia, the UN insists that its operation there is a success. After the massacre of the Nigerians, which brought the number of UN casualties in Somalia to 47, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, convened a meeting of a special 14-nation contact group to discuss the mission.

"Progress continues to be made in the humanitarian effort which prompted international intervention in Somalia in the first place," he said. "Starvation has largely been eradicated."



Aidid: Italians "paid money" to his clan

and the Nigerians would be attacked if they refused to do so. Payment was set at a monthly rate of \$200 (£132) per elder and \$60 dollars per militiaman. The Nigerians refused to accept the deal and were ambushed as they tried to take over the checkpoint.

UN officials said yesterday that they were investigating the Nigerian allegations. If

Grieving widow turns in peak performance

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN BATAK, PHILIPPINES

THE wailing and weeping of thousands of Philippine supporters of Ferdinand Marcos drowned out the dignified sobs of the late dictator's family yesterday as his body was blessed and laid to rest in a mausoleum in Batak, 250 miles north of Manila.

In the midst of all the grand passion and emotion, his widow, Imelda, stood statuesque on a new pair of black stilettos, ice-cool behind her black veil, retreating such ardent support from the impoverished masses who she fondly refers to as "my little brown people".

After an unlovely rendition of *The Last Post*, wailing voices sang requiems and trembling voices paid tribute to the late president who died in exile four years ago and whose body was flown home on Tuesday to be effectively defied: Armed thugs in dark glasses lent the scene the look of the funeral of a big-time

mafioso. Marcos cronies stood to denounce the American media and political establishment for the conspiracy to oust a great leader and "Boong Boong", his son, spoke tearfully of the greatness, goodness and godliness of the man who is believed to have looted \$5 billion (£3.3 billion) from his country and murdered his rivals without remorse.

Once the body was safely stored inside its mausoleum shrine, the widow retired inside the family "ancestral palace" to party with family and friends who had enriched themselves during the Marcos era and who still account for most of the 1 per cent of landowners who control 90 per cent of the country's wealth. In a fresh black dress, her hair remoulded and sprayed rigid into her trademark double bun, the "iron butterfly" walked around the huge reception room, trailing a staggering cloud of scent.

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Law and order agents thrash out policy to contain Muslim and Jewish militants

Israeli intelligence drafts security strategy with PLO

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS and Palestinians are beginning to share a common dream of future cohabitation as neighbours, they also suffer from a recurring nightmare that the peace moves will trigger a bloody struggle in the occupied territories.

Even before Arabs and Jews sign their first detailed agreement on Monday in Washington, Israeli soldiers and intelligence agents are preparing behind the scenes to co-operate with their Palestine Liberation Organisation counterparts to ensure future security in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, a former general who also serves as defence minister, knows that the entire "land for peace" agreement could fall apart if serious fighting erupts either between Palestinians and Jewish settlers, or among rival Arab groups. "We know there will be violence. The question is will we be ready to cope?" an Israeli official said.

Under the provisions of the "declaration of principles" is a vaguely worded clause calling for the formation of a "strong police force" which, within nine months, will be in charge of most if not all the main Palestinian population centres, including some of the most violent sectors of Gaza and the West Bank towns of Nablus and Hebron.

Israeli security specialists are said to be impressed with the professionalism of their PLO counterparts, and expect to co-operate in joint patrols and the sharing of intelligence.

Extremists on both sides are more than ready to use violence to wreck the accord. Disputes about court jurisdiction and policing need to be resolved urgently

gence. The PLO will be expected to crack down on any attempts by radical rejectionist groups, particularly militant Islamists, to stage violent acts and derail the peace process. Similarly Israeli security forces will have to clamp down on the activities of

THE NEXT STEPS

- Sept 1993: Declaration of Principles. Israel begins withdrawal of forces from Gaza and Jericho.
- Oct: Israeli-Palestinian co-operation committees formed and control of education, taxation and health begins.
- Jan 1994: Israeli withdrawal complete. Palestinian police take over.
- July: Palestinian general elections. Occupation government dismantled.
- Sept 1995: Talks must have begun on sovereignty of east Jerusalem, refugees and settlements.
- Jan 1999: Final status of Palestinian nation agreed.

the 120,000 Jewish settlers, some of whom have threatened "civil war" in their opposition to the peace deal.

For now, however, the two sides must overcome their three decades of suspicion and hatred and learn to work together, something Moshe Shaleh, the Israeli police min-

ister, suggested this week had still to be achieved. He admitted that, under the proposals, there was not yet agreement over which police force and court would have jurisdiction, for example, in the event of a road accident between Israeli and Palestinian motorists. More to the point, neither side has offered any convincing solutions to how the security forces will respond if radical Islamic gunmen attack Jewish targets and then escape to Palestinian-controlled areas, or vice versa if Jewish fanatics attack Palestinians.

The other likely problem, to be negotiated after the declaration of principles is signed, is the size and strength of the Palestinian police force. So far only about 100 Arab constables have received training, for a population of nearly two million. Ziad Abu Ziad, a leading Palestinian figure in Jerusalem, responsible for drawing up future security plans for the fledgling Palestinian entity, said the PLO envisaged a far more ambitious security force drawn from the ranks of the Palestine Liberation Army, which was scattered around the Arab world after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Not surprisingly, the idea of allowing armed former guerrillas to patrol the streets of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has become a focal point of right-wing opposition to the peace plan, and ironically for militant Palestinians as well. Settler leaders have vowed to shoot any armed Palestinian on sight, the military hierarchy has voiced its concern and Meshulam Amit, one of Mr Shaleh's former top police officers, has denounced the idea. "A Palestinian police force armed with rifles, anti-tank missiles, light Katyusha rockets and anti-aircraft missiles constitutes a serious and continual danger to our existence," Mr Amit said.

Riyad Malki, a supporter of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which rejects the peace deal, also expressed concern about the Palestinian force. "We know why they want such a force: to quell the legitimate opposition against them."

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Young Palestinians marching through Gaza City with portraits of Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, gesture their approval for the planned agreement with Israel for their autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho

Guerrilla turns bureaucrat along tortuous route to compromise

The PLO has been forced over the years to conclude that peace is a more effective weapon than war, writes Christopher Walker from Cairo

IN THE 29 turbulent years since the formation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation it has been transformed from a makeshift guerrilla group dedicated to driving the Jews into the sea to a bloated bureaucracy willing to coexist with Israel.

No member is more typical of the change than Bassam Abu Sharif, the aide spotted with Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, in a Paris hotel by a French journalist secretly visiting Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, on July 1. He was one of the main forces behind the PLO's switch to a "two-state solution", the idea that Jews and Arabs can live side by side.

In September 1970, however, Mr Abu Sharif was shouting instructions through a megaphone to about 200 hostages being held in Jordan after three jets, one of them British, had been forced at gunpoint to land there. "I was called from Beirut at the time to explain to the passengers why the planes had been seized," Mr Abu Sharif said. "I clearly remember there was one rabbi, a fantastic fellow who told me, 'If it was my people who had been treated like yours, I would have done the same'."

Then, explaining his conversion, Mr Abu Sharif said: "I began to realise that peace could be a very effective weapon."

Force will never achieve a long-term solution. Although some of the most dramatic incidents of Palestinian violence have been committed by fringe groups, others have been the work of its mainstream. In 1978 guerrillas from Mr Arafat's Fatah movement, the dominant PLO faction, sent eight commanders by sea to Israel where they hijacked a bus and forced it to take them to Tel Aviv where 37 people were killed.

Fatah was responsible for the first Palestinian attacks against Israel in strikes against the National Water Carrier launched in 1964 and the first Palestinian guerrillas were taken prisoner near Jerusalem in January 1965.

Mr Arafat became PLO chairman in 1969 and it was five years later that he made his famous "gun and olive branch" speech to the United Nations. Gradually, the PLO scaled down its demands until it tacitly recognised Israel's right to exist at the historic meeting of its parliament in exile in Algiers in 1985. The main similarity between the original PLO and the organisation today is that neither has much cash. Starved of grants by the Gulf oil states in revenge for its support of Iraq during the Gulf war, the financial weakness of the PLO was used as a lever by Israel to secure the concessions for the self-rule accord.

Palestinian opposition to the deal ranges from one of Mr Arafat's oldest colleagues within the Fatah faction to fringe hardliners. It also includes a variety of Islamic fundamentalist groups led by Hamas, the PLO's main rival for power in the teeming Gaza Strip. They were given a boost when Ayatollah Muhammad Yazdini, Tehran's top judge, told the main Friday prayer meeting that Mr Arafat had betrayed Islam and the Arabs.

The biting criticism from Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister", will have hit hardest. "No leadership body," he said, "has the right to commit our people to renounce its just struggle to achieve its legitimate national aims — liberate its land from Israeli occupation, and set up its own independent state."

Mr Kaddoumi was once suggested as a successor to Mr Arafat, but since he lacks the chairman's charisma or media profile, his chances of emerging as an opposition challenger were being discounted.

It remains to be seen whether Mr Arafat can make the full transformation from terrorist to statesman. As Nabil Shaath, his close friend, complained last week: "At a time when Nelson Mandela has been released from prison and is expected to become the president of South Africa, the possibility of accepting Yasser Arafat as president of Palestine has never crossed [Yitzhak] Rabin's mind."



Abu Sharif behind the PLO change in policy

'Velvet hammer' claims his share of glory

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

SEATED somewhere among the 3,000 dignitaries who will see Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation signing their historic peace accord at the White House on Monday will be James Baker, President Bush's Secretary of State. It will be an occasion that tests the emotional self-control of even the iciest of politicians. Others are claiming the credit, but nobody did more than he to bring the two sides together.

It was Mr Baker who seized the unique "window of opportunity" presented by the Gulf war victory in February 1991.

Over the next eight months he made eight trips to the region, flying 150,000 miles in search of a breakthrough. At the same time the Bush administration adopted a tough new line with Israel, refusing to give it \$10 billion (£6.5 billion) in housing loan guarantees until it ceased new

settlements in the occupied territories.

Mr Baker developed the concept of multi-track talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians, the Jordanians, the Syrians and the Lebanese. The "velvet hammer", as he was known, cajoled, bullied and pummeled. He offered every conceivable fig leaf and left no arm untwisted.

At times it looked hopeless. Once Mr Baker found himself in Russia's Caucasus looking towards Mount Elbrus, which was hidden by fog. Could he see the path to Middle East peace, a reporter asked in jest? "I can see it as clearly as Mount Elbrus there," Mr Baker replied.

Mr Baker postponed all discussion of substantive issues. Finally he convened the Madrid conference in October 1991 and dragged the Arabs and Israelis, kicking and screaming, to the table for the first time in 43 years.

Mr Baker and his aides had no fixed plan. They banked on some "chemical reaction" taking place if the old enemies were forced to converse. The first five rounds of talks in Washington achieved nothing. The turning point came in June 1992 when Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's headline prime minister, was defeated by Yitzhak Rabin.

Last August a reluctant Mr Baker was snatched from the State Department to take charge of Mr Bush's floundering re-election campaign. Without him the peace talks seemed to lose whatever vestiges of momentum they still had. But in fact it was the imminent prospect of their collapse that pushed Mr Rabin and Yasser Arafat into their secret negotiations.

Mr Baker faded from view after Bill Clinton's election. But this week he has been back on chat shows, subtly reminding the public of his contribution. "I don't think it's bragging, but the United States defeated communism, and I think the US defeated Arab radicalism in the Cold War," he told one interviewer. "Those two things more than anything made possible the political atmosphere that led to what has happened."

The interviewer said: "I congratulate you." "Thank you," Mr Baker replied without protest.

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Chill wind of contempt blows from Egypt

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

Nabil, an Egyptian who is now a hard-working clerk in Saudi Arabia, is an affable family man with moderate views on most subjects, but that never stopped him ejecting a ferocious globe of spit every time he passed the Israeli embassy in Cairo. Not that he had any hope of hitting it, since, for safety, it perches atop a 15-storey building.

His behaviour, still typical of many Egyptians 4 years after Camp David and the signing of the first peace treaty between an Arab state and Israel, is a reminder that it will take more than a stroke of the pen to overcome the decades of suspicion that festers between Arabs and Jews. The early hopes aroused by Camp David and by President Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in 1977 have been largely dashed by the reality of the "cold peace" between Egypt and Israel and it remains a pointer to how the new understand-

ing between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israel may work. "We recognise each other's existence," said an Egyptian banker explaining the Camp David treaty, whose main strength has been its survival, "but we are neither friends nor partners." The continuing mistrust is the result not merely of many wars; it is also whipped up by almost daily stories in the Egyptian media accusing Israel of everything from spreading AIDS to deliberately circulating counterfeit currency.

Hopes of breaking down the bitter legacy of the past have been dashed for many reasons. Fewer than 100 Egyptians go to Israel every year while some 70,000 Israelis cross the other way. Similarly, predictions of economic harmony have largely failed to materialise.

Although the Palestinians have for years been known by fellow Arabs as the "Jews of the Middle East" because of their lack of a homeland, educational achievements and com-

mercial skills, the hatred between them and the Israelis is deeper and more immediate than that between Israelis and Egyptians — the brutal repression of the *Intifada* and countless attacks on innocent Israelis at home and abroad have seen to that. But, as an outsider who has lived among Jews and Arabs for more than 11 years, I can see some reasons for hope.

On the most obvious level, both peoples are semitic and their religions share many such common points as the proscription of pork and the custom of male circumcision. Also, Israel is becoming more of a Middle Eastern state, less of a refuge for persecuted members of the East European intelligentsia; indeed, it is because Sephardi (oriental Jews) look and talk so much like Arabs that Mossad has such a brilliant record of spying on its Arab enemies. People such as Abie Nathan, the Iraq-born Jew who is Israel's best-

known peace campaigner, have shown that warm friendships can be built up across the racial divide. As one European ambassador commented: "If you could combine the drive of the Jews with the diplomatic charm of the Arabs, you would have a formidable combination."

Ironically, it was a bus ambush outside Cairo in which nine Israeli tourists and two Egyptians were killed that showed the human touch engendered by peace which may eventually overcome the barriers. "I just want to see and give you a big kiss, for everything you did," Rina Cooper, an Israeli, told Yasser Ramadan, an Egyptian doctor who stopped at the scene and ferried five wounded Israelis to hospital. "You are very good people, I know," he replied on the special link set up by Israel's army radio.

Christopher Walker, Cairo correspondent of The Times since 1988, was Jerusalem correspondent from 1979 to 1985

as Saudi Arabia denies bankruptcy claims and prepares to foot the bill for peace

Riyadh expected to underwrite accord

By MICHAEL BINYON

THE PLO's peace accord with Israel will need substantial financial support, and Western as well as Arab leaders are looking mainly to Saudi Arabia and the oil-rich Gulf for the vital cash.

But now diplomats are asking a question that would have been unthinkable a year ago: can the kingdom still afford such generosity? Is Saudi Arabia, drained by the expense of the Gulf war and the need to boost oil production, running out of money?

The Saudis have vigorously rejected recent alarmist reports that the country is going bankrupt. Mohammad Ali Abulhasan, the minister of finance, has said there is no cause for concern, and insists that the world's largest oil producer and exporter has always managed its affairs prudently. Diplomats, too, have poured cold water on reports of a soaring deficit and huge borrowing, saying that

the Saudis' difficulties are only short term and that the scale of their oil-wealth is enough to underpin their development plans for years to come.

Banking sources in the kingdom admit, however, that some of today's figures look alarming at first sight. Current spending is far outstripping revenue, and has done

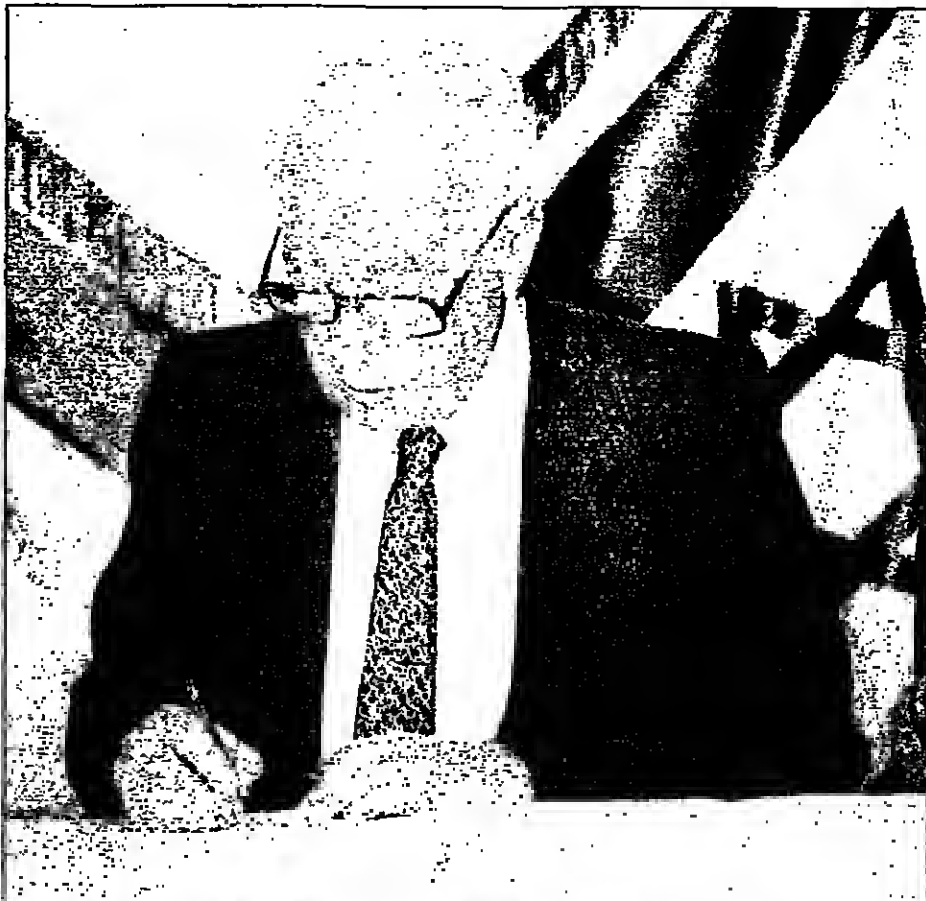
for some years. The country is running a budget deficit of 9 per cent, well above that of other countries struggling to make their books balance.

Whereas in 1989 it was spending \$23 billion (£15 billion) a year and still had a surplus, by 1991 it was spending \$45 billion and unable to live within these limits. Saudi debt now stands at around \$66 billion, or 36 per cent of gross domestic product, and the government is selling bonds to

raise money. Bankers point out, however, that almost all this debt is internal and is held by Saudi bodies. The government, in fact, has a very small external debt, and outsiders do not own government bonds. If the bonds held by autonomous government bodies such as the electricity authority are excluded, the total commercial debt is only \$42 billion.

Talk of devaluation of the riyal against the dollar is swiftly dismissed. Saudi Arabia holds \$20 billion to cover its currency, and this figure is unaffected by recent heavy spending.

Riyadh will find the money for the Palestinians, despite its lingering anger at their support of Iraq during the Gulf war. It will raise the cash not least because the government knows that peace in the Middle East is essential to any further Saudi and regional development.



Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, signing a letter yesterday to Yasser Arafat, acknowledging the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people

Cheap pen makes mark on history

By RICHARD BEESTON

ISRAELI, Palestinian and foreign reporters covering Israel's historic signing ceremony yesterday were bemused when the first comments were unintelligible to everyone except five Nordic journalists. The Norwegian mediators who brought the two sides together were in Jerusalem as a reminder of who made the breakthrough possible.

The signature of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, using a cheap blue plastic ballpoint pen on the same document signed by Yasser Arafat, the PLO chief, provided the day's decisive moment. But much of the rest of the occasion was dominated by Johan Jorgen Holst, Norway's foreign minister, Terje Rød-Larsen, the country's trade union leader, and their wives.

The so-called "Oslo channel" established by the Norwegians enabled Israeli and Palestinian officials to hold several secret talks in hotels, country mansions and even private homes without being

discovered. The only casualty to date is the reputation of Uri Savir, the director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, whose frequent mystery trips to Europe led to a rumour among diplomats that he kept a mistress in Paris.

Mr Holst discovered that the sober atmosphere of Oslo tends to wear off when the parties return to the passion-

ate heat of the Middle East. Asked how Mr Arafat had responded on Thursday when he signed the letter recognising Israel, Mr Holst described him as "solemn and supportive", normally a diplomatic euphemism for moody and unhelpful.

Mr Rabin's letter to Mr Arafat did not include "Yours sincerely" at the end. Israeli officials explained that the omission was a mistake of protocol, but Israeli insiders insisted that the former general was having the last word.

World acclaims the collapse of another wall

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE world was quick to congratulate Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on their agreement yesterday. Britain described the accord as a "big breakthrough" and Russia spoke of a historic step that compared with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

John Major said of the agreement: "It has been a long time coming but it is a breakthrough. It is a very big breakthrough and I am delighted it has happened. But there is, of course, still a lot to be done."

The prime minister said that Britain had been privately encouraging both sides to reach a deal for a

long time, and would continue to offer assistance. He noted that decisions that were right were often unpopular. But he would not be drawn on any possible British diplomatic recognition of the PLO.

One step that Britain may take, in conjunction with its European Community partners, to reward Israel is to propose a swift revitalisation of the Jewish state's association agreement with

the Twelve. Israel, which has a large trade imbalance with the Community, have long been pressing for better market access.

Congratulations flooded in from around the world last night. □ Russia: The foreign ministry in Moscow emphasised the role that the Kremlin, as co-sponsor of the Middle East peace process, had played in bringing the agreement to fruition.

"The Russian co-sponsor, together with its US colleagues, has been insistently working to break the ice of mistrust between the Palestinians and Israelis and was aware of their secret contacts," it said. "We have every ground to compare this historic step with the collapse of a Berlin Wall in the Middle East."

□ Belgium: Willy Claes, the foreign minister, representing the presidency of the European Community, declared: "This accord marks an important new step on the road to a historic reconciliation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples." He praised the "courage and determination" of those who had negotiated and signed the deal.

□ Germany: Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, said: "We Germans, who share a painful history with the Jewish people, are especially happy about this peace accord." He said that Germany would expand its relations with the PLO.

□ France: Simone Veil, the health minister and survivor of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp, told French radio she would shake hands with Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, if the occasion presented itself.

□ Japan: Tsutomu Hata, the foreign minister, said Japan hoped the progress in negotiations between Israel and the PLO would help advance the Israelis' peace talks with Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. "Japan will continue to make utmost efforts for the progress of the Middle East peace negotiations," he said.



Claes hailed courage of peace negotiators

Protest goes on as peace deal is signed

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transformation from terrorist to statesman is incomplete.

The Clinton administration hopes that the dramatic South Lawn ceremony will not only bolster support for the accord in Israel and the occupied territories but inject a new momentum into the other sections of the Middle East peace talks involving Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Even as the agreements were being signed, hundreds of right-wing demonstrators, many of them Jewish settlers fearful for the fate of their communities, were protesting across from the prime minister's office, carrying banners saying "Death to traitors", "Gaza and Jericho today, Jerusalem tomorrow".

A similar but potentially more violent confrontation was also shaping up among Palestinians, where radical groups opposed to compromise vowed yesterday to assassinate Mr Arafat.

On the ground in the occupied territories the ideological fight was already beginning. Israeli soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians during a protest against the peace agreement by Islamic militants. In Arab East Jerusalem, the Palestinian flag was raised soon after the signing ceremony and a pro-peace rally which attracted hundreds of residents passed off without incident.

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Hurd tries to draw sting from Bosnia row with Germans

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday tried to paper over some of the many differences with Bonn over Bosnia in a speech defending Europe's role in the Balkans.

The diplomatic row between Britain and Germany took an unusually public turn recently when Nigel Broomfield, the ambassador to Bonn, published a letter criticising German press commentators. Some have accused Britain of siding with France to block German expansion into southeast Europe. A dinner in Nuremberg last week involving Mr Hurd and Klaus Kinkel, his opposite number, did little to dampen British irritation on the issue.

Mr Hurd, in a speech yesterday to a foreign policy conference sponsored by the Free Democrats, tried to take some of the venom out of the argument by emphasising the European dimension of crisis management in Bosnia. "Those of us who could, have sent troops to keep the Bosnians alive," European troops in Bosnia were not imposing a

■ The foreign secretary has acknowledged Bonn's contribution to the Balkans peace effort and given qualified support to its aspirations to join the UN security council

solution for an imperial power. He acknowledged that Bonn, within its constitutional constraints, was doing its bit, saying: "I do not underestimate the contribution which Germany is making."

But he also had sharp words for those who urge military intervention — the position of many German commentators — and those who would like to arm the Bosnian Muslims. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, at a dinner during the Copenhagen summit recently, read out an appeal from President Clinton for arming the Bosnian Muslims. That rocked the uneasy European consensus and achieved little.

"We need to avoid the rhetorical pretence which is the enemy of successful crisis management," Mr Hurd said. "What we cannot do is should not pretend to do. We should not threaten military

action which we are not prepared to carry out."

The conference was called partly to demonstrate Dr Kinkel's command of foreign policy. Since Herr Kohl is trying to take over much foreign policy management — a useful re-election ploy — Dr Kinkel wants to make a domestic political point. Dr Kinkel, who is also chairman of the Free Democrats, was anxious to show that he has made a substantial impact on foreign policy — especially in promoting Germany as a future member of the United Nations Security Council.

Mr Hurd threw in a word of support. "If one day there is agreement on an expansion of the permanent members of the council, then we would hope and expect that Germany will benefit from that and be able to participate fully," he said.

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Coup staged in Banja Luka

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

TANKS and armoured cars yesterday took to the streets of Banja Luka in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina as soldiers of the most powerful force in the Bosnian Serb army took power in a dramatic coup. All roads out of the city were blocked, and the radio and television buildings and other key installations seized.

The coup leaders said in emotional broadcasts that their action was not aimed at toppling the Bosnian Serb military and civilian authorities but rather at arresting "war profiteers". People were told to stay off the streets yesterday afternoon as the

coup leaders said that they would be arresting profiteers.

Sources close to the Bosnian Serb leadership indicated that the army had been told to act to crush the local mafia. It remained unclear last night whether the true motive was to eliminate powerful Serb extreme nationalist politicians, based in Banja Luka, who have often come into conflict with Serb leaders based in Pale outside Sarajevo.

One source in the city said that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had appealed to the coup leaders to return to the front. He admitted that they had real griev-

ances, but asked them to send a delegation to Pale. Journalists contacted at Radio Banja Luka were clearly frightened and spoke of strict military censorship on all reports.

The action in Banja Luka comes as the local authorities in Kryn, the capital of the neighbouring self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina in Croatia, moved against paramilitaries and extreme nationalists whom they accuse of war profiteering.

The United Nations suspended all relief convoys through the Croatian town of Karlovac, after hundreds of shells fell, killing six people.



A 130ft-long hot air balloon in the shape of a polar bear looms incongruously behind a man and his dogs in the Nevada desert near Reno as its crew prepared for weekend races

Drug barons strike heavy oil

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

COLOMBIA'S drug lords are going back to their roots, hoping to revive the weed that was popular in the 1970s before the cocaine boom.

Police are reporting large seizures of hashish oil, a derivative of the cannabis plant with ten times the narcotic strength of marijuana cigarettes. Experts say Colombian drug farmers are culti-

vating a large, new crop of the cannabis plant, the source of marijuana and hashish, in some areas replacing fields which had been used to grow opium poppies. In the late 1970s a "bonanza" of marijuana swept Colombia, and led to the country's first drug war. But marijuana production was soon overtaken by cocaine and more recently by heroin.

In recent months Colombian police have seized nearly 7,000 lb of hashish oil. Unlike the more sophisticated manufacture of heroin, the oil is easily distilled from the marijuana leaf resin. Delhi: India and Pakistan have agreed to curb cartels which use their borders for smuggling narcotics into Europe. (AFP)

Tales of a 'penitent thief' rile Vatican

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS
IN ROME

AN ITALIAN journalist has outraged Roman Catholic authorities by publishing a book of 47 "confessions" he made in some of the most famous churches in Italy and the Vatican while posing as a corrupt industrialist or a bribe-taking politician who was seeking absolution.

"All the priests, with the exception of one, advised me against turning myself in to the magistrates," said Pino Nicotri, a reporter for L'Espresso magazine. "Some said everyone had been taking bribes, that the magistrates were aware of the situation before but only began arresting people two years ago as part of a political manoeuvre."

"Four or five priests told me that freemasonry was behind the explosion of the Tangentopoli (bribe city) scandal. One priest in Milan cathedral told me the Vatican had paid bribes to obtain contracts for supplying Italian prisons."

The Vatican denounced Nicotri for an "ignoble operation, a blasphemous act toward the sacrament of confession". He admits to having moral qualms about his singular methods, researching bribes in the Confessional. "They have not excommunicated me yet but they condemned me severely. I faced many moral doubts and considerable anguish during my work, especially during the confessions that I taped in St Peter's Basilica during a papal audience."

"I felt I was being very profane. But I was a journalist carrying out an investigation that I considered highly useful. Nobody and nothing could have stopped me."

□ Cns package: The cabinet of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi approved plans yesterday to cut state spending by £12 billion amid fears that recession is fueling social unrest. But the five-month-old government now faces a tough struggle to win parliament's approval for the proposals. (Reuters)

Greece sets date for poll

Athens: President Karamanlis of Greece said early general elections would be held on October 10 and dissolved parliament in the wake of defections in the ruling party.

He also gave key portfolios to three independents, naming Aristovoulos Manessis, a professor of constitutional law, as interior minister, retired general Dimitris Manikas as public order minister and senior judge George Payannakos as justice minister. (AFP)

Racism tackled

Paris: Charles Pasqua, the French interior minister, has set up a unit of leaders from government and non-government organisations to combat racism and xenophobia. (AFP)

Sect charges

Buenos Aires: An Argentine judge charged 18 members of the Family of God sect with child abuse and enslavement after examinations of children in their charge disclosed evidence of injuries. (Reuters)

Plea to Corsica

Ajaccio: President Mitterrand, on a rare trip to Corsica for the 50th anniversary of liberation from the Nazis, urged the French island to accept limited autonomy. (Reuters)

Republican call

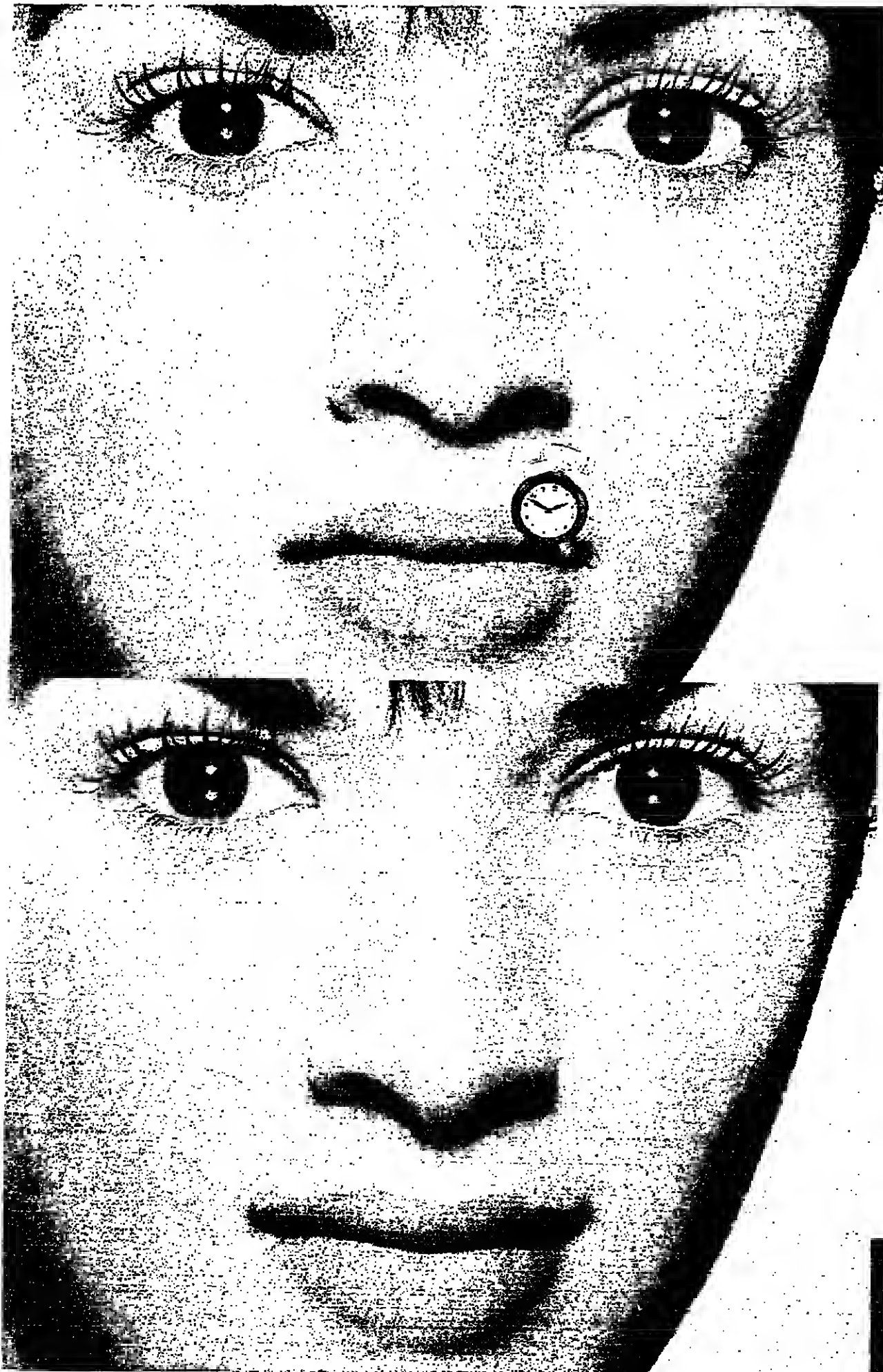
Sydney: The South Australia administration has proposed the country adopt a bill of rights, reconfigure state and national powers and replace the Queen as head of state with a president. (Reuters)

Sabotage fear

Tashkent, Uzbekistan: Firemen in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, took almost all day to put out a fire in a military ammunition depot. Sabotage had not been ruled out. (Reuters)

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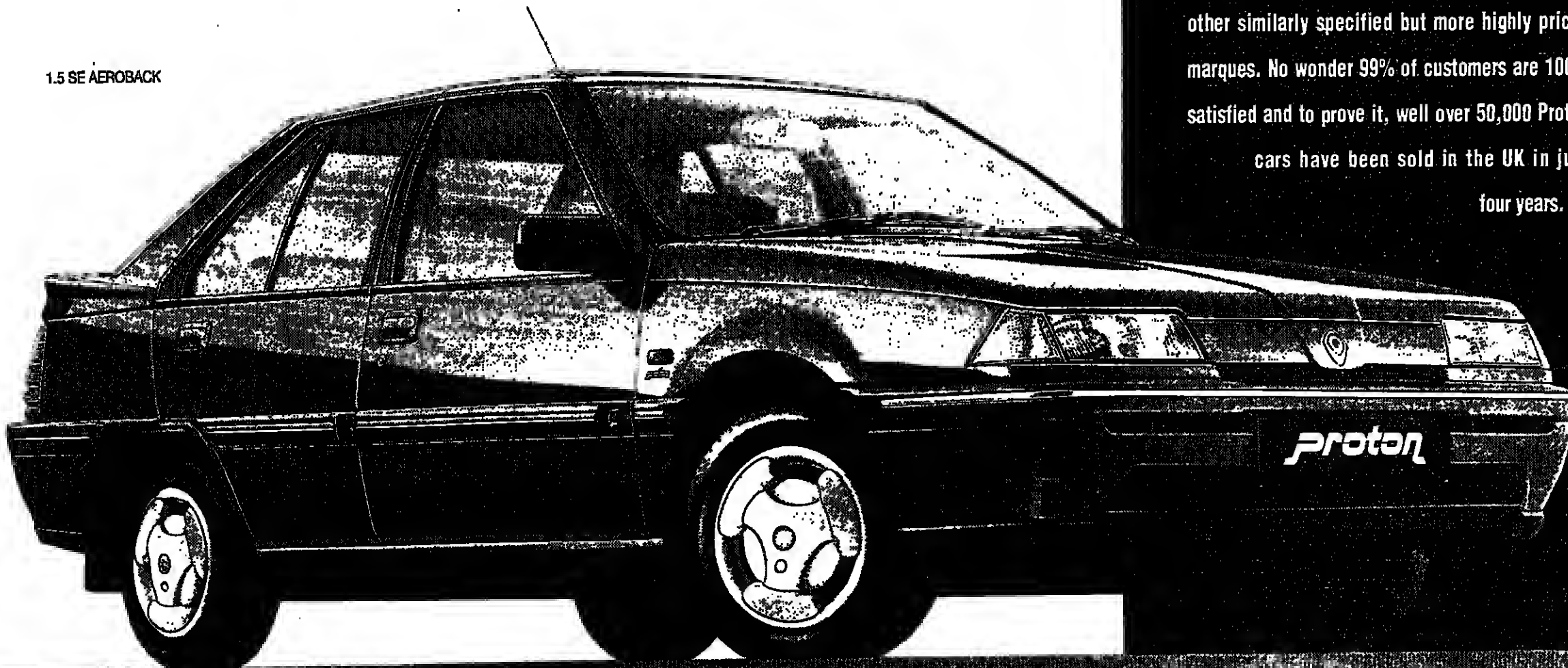
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But Mr. Gore's biggest hit so far has been his demonstration on *The David Letterman Show* of the government's method of safety-testing its official ashtrays ("ash receivers, tobacco [desk type]"). They actually specify the exact way people have to hold this in order to test it," he told Mr. Letterman, showing him a glass ashtray. "They have to count the number of pieces, and it can be no more than 35 pieces." Then they both put on goggles and smashed the ashtray with a hammer. The audience roared. "Heh, heh," said Mr. Letterman. "Cool!"



AT WAR WITH THE MEDIA

Blaming the press for selective war reporting is naive

Douglas Hurd is too urbane, too experienced a statesman to attack the media head-on. His tart speech to the Travellers' Club on Thursday night acknowledged that the luxury of secret diplomacy is all but over; that a broader public than a coterie of diplomats and politicians must now be involved in discussion of war and peace; and that the media are inevitably selective in what foreign wars they can report, what tragedies they choose to highlight. His accusation is not that the media have done a bad job, but by doing a job too well they have themselves become a factor in foreign policy.

On a day when triumph in the Middle East — the result of public pressure as well as secret diplomacy — has been shining from millions of television screens, his criticisms seem not only carping but naive. Diplomacy is as much the art of convincing millions as of crafting ambiguous statements. The media are the intermediaries.

Criticism that reporters highlight some wars and ignore others, galvanise outrage over some atrocities while leaving others unchecked, is as old as war itself. Without detailed, even sensational, reporting of the horrors of Scutari, the stupidity of the Crimean campaign would never have exacted a political toll. The blundering at Gallipoli, Stalin's genocide against the Ukrainians, the My Lai massacre, the famine in Ethiopia, all became political issues thanks only to the investigations of a few reporters. Thousands of other cases of depravity remain unknown because they were unreported. It was Mr Hurd himself who defended the selection of a few Bosnian children for treatment in Britain by noting that "because you can't help everybody doesn't mean you shouldn't help somebody."

His other point is a more general one, often voiced by politicians: journalists are only armchair strategists. They do not have to carry the can for potentially disastrous

decisions. They do not have to order men into battle. Press fickleness in clamouring first for one policy and then for the opposite should that prove unpopular does not incur the penalty of opprobrium and electoral defeat. Bosnia is a valid example. The zigzags in editorial policy and the myriad solutions proffered to Western governments reflect the confusion in public opinion — and there is something hypocritical about blaming governments that are similarly confused.

The foreign secretary goes further, however. He insists that reporting even nowdays creates new circumstances. Military salvos are launched, demonstrations held, victims weep and demagogues rant because the world is watching. Does that mean that the camera should be turned off? Does it imply reporting restrictions in order to calm tempers? Mr Hurd did not say so. But his insistence that viewers should be warned that they are not seeing reality is unjustified by experience. Brave reports from Bosnia are not staged; the public has seen, unvarnished, enough horror as it occurs.

The work of a diplomat or politician has been changed utterly by the revolution in communications. It is more taxing now: so much time spent in explanation, so much more pressure from the reading and viewing public. But those whose attitude is governed by Wilde's *bon mot* — "In the old days men had the rack; now they have the press" — have failed to understand that although unselected, unaccountable and unmodest, the media are now part of the political process.

The press does not have its own agenda; it is the forum in which public opinion finds expression. Mr Hurd pours scorn on the "something-must-be-done" school of journalism because it is he, not the commentators, who must do something. But that is what he and his fellows in government are elected to do. Democracy pays its leaders to lead, not to read the press cuttings.

MARCH OF THE QUANGO

Local democracy underpins the unwritten constitution

Labour's new "quango watch" campaign monitoring the growth of the "unelected state" is a routine political stunt, but one which should encourage serious constitutional debate. The Opposition's own record is not beyond reproach: there were 2,410 quangos employing more than 1 million people when Labour left office. But Jack Straw, shadow environment secretary, is right to highlight the alarming increase in taxpayers' money spent by unelected bodies and the Tories' reversal of their commitment in 1979 to end government by quango.

The massive transfer of powers from local government to unelected agencies is the hidden revolution of the past 14 years. Urban development corporations, housing action trusts, further education colleges and grant-maintained schools are among the bodies that have assumed roles previously played by local authorities. Elected councillors have been excluded from health authorities and will in future play a smaller part in the running of the police. Quangos now account for about a fifth of public spending.

This is partly a consequence of the political excesses of municipal socialism in the 1980s and the sheer amateurism of many councils. To an extent, town halls have themselves to blame. Nor is the change all bad: the best grant-maintained schools are far more responsive to parents than councils could ever be. But the hostility to local government of many Conservatives is now disproportionate. The emergence of what the academic John Stewart has called a "new magistracy" of unelected place-holders is a disturbing development, hostile to the government's professed belief in subsidiarity. Ministers must clarify precisely what they

understand by "local accountability". In a speech in July, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, argued that there was "no guarantee that by periodically expressing his or her democratic decision at the ballot box, the citizen will necessarily obtain efficient... public services". This cannot be denied: no vote has ever been a guarantee of anything. But it is wrong to suggest, as Mr Waldegrave did, that the consumer rights promised in the citizen's charter make local services sufficiently accountable. This is to confuse consumerism with democracy. The ability of people to influence the way their communities are run through local politics is an essential part of the unwritten constitution.

Ministers need to explore ways of making existing quangos more accountable. The governing bodies of grant-maintained schools should include more directly elected parents; the functions of the new funding agency for schools — potentially the biggest quango of them all — should be kept to a minimum; the chairmen of the restructured police authorities should be locally appointed after a few years of the new system; the Audit Commission should be given access to far more information about quangos.

As a corollary, the work of elected councils must be professionalised. The work of Sir John Banham's enquiry into the structure of local government will reduce the number of councillors considerably: an opportunity to increase their allowances, focus their individual responsibilities and reform council committees, which are more often talking shops than effective executive bodies. To halt the march of the quango, local authorities must show that they can do better.

SUFFERING CHILDREN

Adults have it in their power to stop school bullying

You arrive at work on the first day of your new job. As you approach your new colleagues they start to taunt you: "Fatty!" You ask for directions to the lavatory and a man spits in your face. When you return, you find foul words scrawled over your papers. Finally, when you walk past your boss's desk, he sticks his foot out, trips you up and you break an arm.

Is this the sort of behaviour an adult should expect to have to put up with? If you complained to the personnel manager, would he accuse you of sneaking? Or tell you to grow up? Of course not. Why then do so many adults expect children simply to grin and bear it when they are bullied at school?

Yesterday it emerged that a 19-year-old Scottish girl is suing Lothian education authority for failing to protect her against a bullying campaign which included degrading physical assaults of a sexual nature. The school has so far refused to comment. But even if this case fails, there are undoubtedly many teachers who refuse to help children who are bullied.

Human rights are not confined to grown-ups. Yet many adults experience a sort of moral dislocation when they confront bullying. They would not accept verbal or physical abuse directed against themselves. But they urge such acceptance on their pupils or children.

All sorts of arguments are used: suffering bullying is part of growing up; we were bullied and it has not hurt us; children should not tell tales; bullying is just

horseplay; or victims should learn to stand up for themselves.

Teachers sometimes connive with bullies. They may pick on the victims to win popularity with other pupils. If children pluck up courage to complain, teachers often do not believe them, do not want to know, or do not care. Head teachers are sometimes wary of admitting that bullying exists for fear of harming the reputation of the school.

Many adults, even if they feel uncomfortable about bullying, are defeatist. Boys will be boys, they say (or girls, girls). Nothing can be done to prevent it. But the absurdity of the example used at the beginning of this leader shows that something can be done. In a culture in which bullying is socially unacceptable, it is far rarer. Turn a blind eye to it, and given human nature (in adults as well as children), it is more liable to occur.

In Norway, bullying has been halved by a concerted campaign against it. Most important is to change the culture in schools. Pupils and teachers alike should be encouraged to be forthright in condemning bullying and supporting victims.

In 1857, Thomas Hughes published *Tom Brown's School Days*, a fictional account of his own experiences at Rugby, which included terrifying scenes of bullying. More than a century later, schools are not hugely better. Children still suffer, occasionally with serious or even fatal result. Adults have it in their power to reduce this suffering. But until they overcome their moral ambivalence, the abuse will continue.

Recipe for calm in our prisons

From Mr Julian Ellis

Sir, One of the difficulties we all face with changes to society is the feeling that we are insignificant as individuals. I am convinced that this is a major factor causing the kind of rioting, both inside and outside prison, that has just occurred at Wymott, near Leyland (report, September 7).

Rioting helps a depersonalised individual, feeling more like a number than a person, to have an identity. The element of showing off in front of one's peers, whilst damaging the surroundings that caused the frustration, also gives a rioter a sense of achievement, perhaps for the first time.

In dealing with people who offend against society the more successful treatments are those which make offenders feel valued. The high success rate of the probation services compared with other methods of tackling offending behaviour indicates this. Prison regimes that treat offenders as people rather than anonymous inmates tend to be the more successful. Such prisons are often the smaller ones.

We must not lose sight of the recommendation made in the Woolf report on the 1990 prison disturbances to develop community prisons, which are small and serve the local area, and to split establishments into smaller units. Although community prisons will take many years to develop fully, the idea looks like being the best way towards more stable prisons. Meanwhile we must not allow implementation of the other recommendations of the report to be sidetracked.

Yours sincerely,

JULIAN ELLIS

(Chairman, The Association of Members of Boards of Visitors), 2 Arnold Lane, Gedling, Nottingham. September 7.

Bottled water

From Professor George Solt

Sir, With two quite different qualities on the market, there is indeed public confusion about bottled drinking water. (*Times* investigation reports, September 6). The law says that sources of "mineral water" must be natural, have passed strict tests over a long period, and be carefully protected. Except for carbonation, nothing may be added or taken away.

Bottled waters not described as "mineral" have no such restrictions. They may well be of worse quality than tap water. In law they are classed with soft drinks such as those composed of fruit juice, sweetener and preservatives.

Bacterial contents are a different matter, but they need not be. Natural waters usually contain at least a few harmless bacteria. In suitable conditions they multiply rapidly; it does not even take a pair of them to breed!

A few weeks on a nice warm supermarket shelf can bring a huge rise in the bug count. Only special precautions would ensure that this does not happen, but nobody at present is taking them.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. SOLT

(Director, School of Water Sciences, Cranfield, 1980-92) Hollington Wood, Emberton, Olney, Buckinghamshire. September 6.

Union votes

From Mr David Kemp, QC

Sir, Your article in today's issue, "A new place for strife", raises interesting questions. If, as the result of its promises to trade unions, John Smith achieves his aim of "one member, one vote" (Omov), he will have gained a victory unlikely to be reversed. For the union block vote will no longer be available to alter the Labour party conference's decision.

On the other hand, over the period between now and the next election, promises of intended action can well be ignored if the proposed action contains the seeds of electoral unpopularity. The achievement of Omov and the devaluation of rash promises may result in a marked increase of Labour's popularity with the ordinary voter.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID KEMP

4 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, WCL. September 9.

Tory finances

From Mr T. C. Villiers

Sir, As you state in your report of September 7 (later editions) on the Conservative party's financial situation, the figures given for Greater London were compiled three weeks before the end of the financial year.

May I point out that Battersea Conservative Association did pay its full quota for 1992-3 (£3,562), albeit not until March 25. This conforms with our normal timing. Conservatives in Battersea are proud of their record of paying their full quota to the party for the past 17 years.

Yours faithfully,

TIM VILLIERS

(Acting Chairman), Battersea Conservative Association, 54 Webb's Road, SW11.

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Deaths after surgery: doubts on value of a 'league table'

From the Chairman of the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths

Sir, Jeremy Laurence's coverage (September 8) of the latest report of the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths (NCEPOD) was juxtaposed with a league table of hospital death rates for various health authorities, leading your readers to conclude that the table came from NCEPOD. It did not.

Furthermore, the figures on which the table was based, and which Mr Laurence states came from the Department of Health, are very suspect.

Linking NCEPOD with these figures implies a grave breach of confidentiality on our part, which we firmly deny. When the overall perioperative mortality is only about 0.6 per cent these league table figures are virtually meaningless, but exceedingly worrying for any of your readers.

Yours etc.

J. P. BLANDY

Chairman,

National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2, September 8.

From Mr George Howd and Mr Richard G. Nottley

Sir, We take the NCEPOD reports

very seriously because their rigorous statistical methodology is fully explained to us. We have serious doubts about the statistical methodology used for Department of Health tables, mainly because it has never been explained to us.

Nor do we believe the results as published are particularly revealing, the endorsement by Mr Brendan Devlin of the Royal College of Surgeons notwithstanding.

What, for example, are the national averages with which comparisons are made — 1:100, 1:1,000,000, or something in between?

What is the standard deviation of the results as published, and what, therefore, are the 1 per and 5 per cent confidence limits?

Since the hospital with which we are associated showed up particularly well in the general surgery table which you published on April 28 (17th best out of 200) and, although slightly below average, is well within the

middle range in the new table, we can reasonably claim that we have no axes to grind.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE HOWD (Chairman),

RICHARD G. NOTTLEY

(Medical Director),

The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford, Surrey.

From Dr J. S. Milledge

Sir, The public delights in league tables such as the one you published yesterday because they appeal to our national sporting instinct and the government and media feed this appetite.

However, whereas a football league table is based on clear and unequivocal evidence of success — win, lose or draw — tables of success in schools or hospitals are a very different matter. Even tables of school exam results depend so much on the quality of student entry that they tell one little about how well the school has performed in relation to the type of intake.

In hospitals it is even more difficult. Death rates would seem to be an objective measure of "success", but its value depends very largely on what sort of cases a surgeon takes on and the quality of the raw data, which come from the hospitals themselves and are gathered by a volunteer "reporter", usually a busy consultant. The more diligent the consultant is in collecting this data the worse the hospital will appear in your table.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. MILLEDGE

(Medical Director),

Northwick Park Hospital,

Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex,

September 9.

From Mr Derrick J. B. Platt

Sir, I have read with concern your misleading report on the death rate statistics issued by the Department of Health. According to your correspondent in between?

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Yours faithfully,

JANE CRANSTON

(Managing Director),

Steven Garnier Ltd,

Grape Ideas,

35 Hyde Bridge Street, Oxford,

September 8.

From Miss Helen Thomson

Sir, I welcome Simon Jenkins's attack on "winespeak" ("Please put a cork in it", September 4) but I wonder whether he has the right target in his sights.

We wine merchants ask ourselves whether a wine tastes of its grape variety and its region. Our vocabulary is pretty dull. The florid droll which rightly appeals Mr Jenkins is written by your fellow journalists.

Yours faithfully,

HELEN THOMSON

64 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1,

September 4.

From Mr Richard Butterfield

Sir, Simon Jenkins has hit the nail on the head: the flights of fancy indulged in by some wine writers and broad-

The facts are that there have only been nine deaths in the last five years amongst residents in Eastbourne health district from the conditions in question; of those nine, only three were treated in Eastbourne and only one died following surgery at the district general hospital. Comparisons based on such low figures are bound to be statistically misleading.

I should add that the standard of treatment given by the consultants in this hospital, which serves a population of over 250,000, is second to none.

Yours faithfully,

DERRICK PLATT (Chairman,

Eastbourne Hospitals NHS Trust,

Eastbourne District

General Hospital,

Kings Drive,

Eastbourne, East Sussex.

From Mr Peter Grimaldi

Sir, Mr Brendan Devlin was right to urge *The Times* to publish the Department of Health's table of mortality rates following abdominal surgery (1991-2), but only because the publication of this data can act as a catalyst to ensure that health service indicators are relevant and accurate. The major flaw in this particular set of data is that it relates to events which took place during the five-year period up to 1991-2. Much has happened in the NHS in that time.

For example, in the Isle of Wight (one of the 84 districts showing an apparently worse-than-average mortality rate) surgery was carried out on four different hospital sites, including two cottage hospitals, until April 1992. No intensive care facilities were available at any of them. We now have one modern hospital for all NHS surgery, with dedicated intensive care facilities, and I suspect (but cannot prove) that the next league table published will show that we have improved our position very substantially.

What patients really want to know is how a hospital is performing now, not five years ago. To paraphrase the words of the financial services salesman: "Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance."

Yours sincerely,

PETER GRIMALDI

(Clinical Director, Surgical Services),

St Mary's Hospital,

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Praise of wine merchants, but not their terms of trade

From Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Campbell

Sir, Admittedly we live in an age which prefers to damn than to praise, but your leading article (September 3) in dispraise of wine merchants at one blow degrades wine, the English language ("coco-cads" and "vinipotes", forsooth) and your own reputation for common sense. You have an excellent and sensible wine correspondent of long standing. Did you not consult her before relying on the strength of a story in the *Which? Wine Guide*?

Having been drinking their wares for well over half a century, I am convinced that it is almost entirely due to our wine merchants that we enjoy a choice of quality wines unrivalled in the world. The wine trade is also intensely competitive, happily for us drinkers. A merchant behaving as you suggest ("of around speech and hectoring mien") would be daft, or soon bankrupt, or both.

Successful Chancellors, though quick to clober the rest of us with Brussels dictates, have studiously refrained from bringing wine tax into line with our Common Market neighbours. That is another story. Please write it.

Yours sincerely,

RALPH CAMPBELL

Chasehayes, Stockland,

Honiton, Devon,

September 3.

From Miss Jane Cranston

Sir, Her Majesty's government have beaten *The Times* to it in its apparent wish to abolish the wine merchant and they are succeeding where recessions and supermarkets have failed. They have created that most effective of commercial death knells, unfair com-

petition. I speak of excise duty. You and your readers can, and do in your thousands, climb into your cars, buses and vans and cross the Channel, to return proudly carrying wines and beers costing 30, 50 or 100 per cent less than the same wines in the UK.

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The outcry against the poll tax was partly based on its unfairness. The grossly unequal excise duties in a "free" market may be less emotive, but they are arguably even more unfair.

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September 8.

From Miss Helen Thomson

Sir, I welcome Simon Jenkins's attack on "winespeak" ("Please put a cork in it", September 4) but I wonder whether he has the right target in his sights.

We wine merchants ask ourselves whether a wine tastes of its grape variety and its region. Our vocabulary is pretty dull. The florid droll which rightly appeals Mr Jenkins is written by your fellow journalists.

Yours faithfully,

HELEN THOMSON

64 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1,

September 4.

From Mr Richard Butterfield

Sir, Simon Jenkins has hit the nail on the head: the flights of fancy indulged in by some wine writers and broad-

casters are meaningless and absurd. I recall with dismay one such, who stated that a certain Gewürztraminer reminded him of "Granny's face-powder".

Metaphors in relation to wine are a wholly different story, however. As Mr Jenkins recalls, André Simon once described a Chablis as having the "grace of a silver willow". Better still, H. Warner Allen, writing almost 40 years ago of an Oxford tasting at around the turn of the century, pictured a Château Lafite 1864 as having "opened itself in the mouth like all the splendours of the peacock's tail".

I had the privilege of drinking that glorious wine shortly after its hundredth birthday: its complex beauty was perfectly matched by the metaphor.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant. RICHARD BUTTERFIELD, Old Forge Cottage, High Street, Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire, September 6.

From Mrs T. J. Mason

Sir, I am grateful to the creators of modern "winespeak" and sorry for Simon Jenkins. We all owe a debt to those who have tried to demystify wine by likening its subtle and varied flavours to tastes we know and I, for one, have no problems with "bananay" and "chocolately".

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OBITUARIES

SIR ANTHONY PLOWMAN

Sir Anthony Plowman, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division, 1974-76, died on August 30 aged 87. He was born on December 27, 1905.

THE Vice-Chancellor is the senior Chancery judge and, although he does not rank with the Lord Chief Justice or the Master of the Rolls, he in practice controls a branch of the judiciary, even if its nominal head is the Lord Chancellor. It was Anthony Plowman's misfortune to be responsible for the day-to-day running of this division of the High Court during a period when not all of its members were regarded as being especially distinguished.

Plowman himself was a sound, competent — if not outstanding — Chancery judge and, if he had a fault, it lay in a certain laziness. Though he was thorough in what he did, his inclination was to do the minimum necessary to decide each case. On the other hand, he was always pleasant to appear before — quick-witted, courteous, considerate and firm when necessary.

His rulings tended towards the commonsense interpretation of the law. For instance, in 1970 he ruled against 20 rebel firemen in a test case dispute with the GLC. Firemen in London — along with 12 other brigades in the country — were encouraged to use their discretion over the illegal jumping of red lights something which some of them felt was a dangerous and possibly criminal practice. Plowman said: "I don't accept the order is an unlawful one. It is not a command to break the law. It is a command to take care."

The newsworthiness of a case never swayed his judgment. In 1975, he refused to intervene in a dispute between "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive and managing director of Lorrho, and a bare majority of eight members of his board who were calling for his dismissal. Plowman was concerned only with the legalities of the situation and remained unconvinced that it is the duty of the court to intervene in what is primarily a matter for the Lorrho board. — a. In effect, gave victory to Rowland who, as the largest individual shareholder, was able to requisition an extraordinary meeting of shareholders at which he easily carried the day.



In May 1962, in his early days on the bench, another well-publicised case came before Plowman with wide-reaching implications for the newspaper industry. The *New Chronicle* and *The Star* had, two years previously, been hastily sold to Associated Newspapers for £2 million. The employees sent home and the titles folded.

The Daily News board, which had allowed the papers to get into such a dangerous financial situation, realised that their conduct was bound to come under public scrutiny and decided to give away over half the proceeds of the sale — beyond any legal liability to do so — in a move calculated to look like an act of generosity. The money was to be distributed among the papers' 3,000 former employees in compensation for lost pension rights.

However, Hall Parke, son of a former editor of *The Star*, pointed out that the rights of the minority shareholders had not been duly taken into account in this transaction, and brought an action against the Daily News company. Parke won his case. Plowman in his ruling said that, however laudable and enlightened from the point of view of industrial relations the defendants' motives were, it was not permissible to apply the proceeds of the sale to benefit the employees rather than the company in the form of its shareholders. — a.

heirlooms — said to be worth £25,000 — to Inverary Castle.

The duchess had countered that the pieces in question — ranging from a £16,000 Zoffany painting, a bronze bust of the ninth duke on a marble column to silver spoons — were presents from the duke, and kept them at her home in Mayfair. Plowman ordered the duchess to hand over the articles and directed her to pay three-quarters of the duke's legal costs.

One ruling that proved controversial in the literary world regarded the contested ownership of the manuscript of *Under Milk Wood*. This was a manuscript which had apparently been lost since 1953, but which in 1961 mysteriously resurfaced when it was sold by Douglas Cleverdon to The Times Books Company of Wigmore Street for £2,000. The poet's widow, Caitlin, by then living in Rome, heard of the sale and promptly sued Times Books. As her husband's representative she claimed the manuscript for his literary estate.

The manuscript had in fact been lost by Dylan Thomas in a Soho pub just before he went on a lecture tour of America in 1953 the later died in New York in an alcoholic coma. Cleverdon, a BBC producer and editor who had encouraged Thomas to finish the play (and who was the first to produce it on radio), asked Thomas before his departure if he might search for it. Thomas not only told him where to look but to keep it if he found it. Having discovered the manuscript in a public house in Old Compton Street, Cleverdon was only too happy to hold on to it until, years later, he found the lease on his house had ended. At this point he sold the manuscript to raise a mortgage for another.

Cleverdon alleged that, in both his and Thomas's presence, Caitlin had described the work as "a bloody pot-boiler," and that at the time of his death its value would have been no more than £50. It was only because of the boom in the market for original manuscripts that she was now interested in it, he said. In the event, Plowman ruled in Cleverdon's favour. In his summing up he stated that the character of Dylan Thomas was "generous and impulsive" and that giving a potentially valuable manuscript away was just the sort of spontaneous gesture he would make.

John Anthony Plowman was the son of a solicitor and was educated at Highgate School, after which he himself took the Law Society exams winning the John Macdrell prize. His father was sufficiently impressed by this achievement to arrange for him to go up to Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, where he read for an LL.B. taking a first in addition to winning three university prizes.

Abandoning his solicitor's qualification, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1931, at the age of 25. On the strength of his academic record he immediately began to practise at the Chancery Bar in what were then the chambers of Mr Justice Roxburgh. With the outbreak of war, Plowman joined the RAF, rising to the rank of squadron leader.

After the war Plowman rebuilt his practice, and in 1954 took silk. He was never a fashionable leader, partly perhaps because he did not have the support of a large chambers full of busy juniors. But solicitors valued his clear intellect, sound judgment and urbane demeanour no less than his straightforward and lucid exposition of a case. He acquired a solid practice in the front row. In January 1961 he became a member of his Inn, and later that month was made a High Court judge, simultaneously receiving a knighthood.

His selection, which followed on the heels of the announcement of eight new High Court judges only a week before, came as a surprise to the legal profession. But it brought the number of Chancery judges actively engaged in Chancery work up to six, and with the number of cases pending in the Chancery Division rising alarmingly by 50 per cent each year at the time, the reasons behind the appointment were not far to seek.

It proved a discriminating appointment. As a judge, Plowman was objective, courteous and dispassionate. When he left in the evening, he put his work behind him, and never lay awake at night wondering if one of his decisions would be reversed by the Court of Appeal — though they rarely were. After his two years as Vice-Chancellor, which involved sitting from time to time in the Court of Appeal, he finally retired in 1976.

He married in 1933 Vernon Graham. She died in 1988 and he is survived by their three daughters.

TOMMY CHEADLE

Tommy Cheadle, captain of Port Vale Football Club, 1952-58, died in Stoke-on-Trent on September 4 aged 74. He was born in Stoke on April 8, 1919.



SERENDIPITY played a strong part in kick-starting Tommy Cheadle's football career. He had always enjoyed playing junior level soccer with a colliery team in Stoke-on-Trent but never considered it would go further.

Rehabilitation treatment, following a shrapnel injury during army service, led to a chance meeting with a physical training instructor who was so impressed with Cheadle's skill that he told him to report to Port Vale Football Club's ground as soon as his service was over.

Within two weeks of being demobbed Cheadle was playing in Vale's first team. He went on to become captain for six years before leaving in 1958 for neighbouring Crewe Alexandra where he completed a two-year coaching stint.

To the crowds of Potters who filed relentlessly into the terraces every week, Cheadle was a hero. His tenacious, unflinching style earned him a reputation as a hard man among his opponents and the affectionate tag of "wooden-nut" from the Vale Park fans. It was often said of him that instead of the black and white colours of the Vale shirt he would have been better off in black and blue — because that was the colour of his knees after a game.

During one of his last interviews with the local paper Cheadle was reported as saying: "I played the game hard, but never squealed. I remember once at Brighton having stitches put in a gash and going straight back into the match. I also had an injection on the touchline once so I could stay in a game." Colleagues remarked: "It was not a game for Tommy — it was war."

Cheadle earned a place in the footnotes of football history when he took Port Vale to the brink of an appearance in the 1954 FA Cup final. Controversy still rages about that semi-final among the ageing footballing cognoscenti of the Potteries. They firmly believe Vale was robbed following the two refereeing decisions that handed West Bromwich Albion a 2-1 victory.

Once his two-year coaching engagement with Crewe Alexandra was over, Cheadle gave up the game and, after a few years with a transport firm, took a job as a postman. As time went on he became disenchanted with football and rarely attended a match. "The selfish attitude of everyone concerned has ruined it and they cannot make enough money from the game," he said. "I would have played for nothing because I loved the game."

Cheadle carried on with his post round until he retired aged 63. He leaves his widow, Irene, and a son.

MAURICE EADEN

Maurice Bryan Eaden, CBE, a former consul-general in Amsterdam, died after a stroke on September 6 aged 70. He was born on February 9, 1923.

WHEREVER Maurice Eaden went, trouble seemed sure to go. He was in Ethiopia during an attempted coup against the Emperor Haile Selassie, which forced his own family to seek shelter from the bullets in Lebanon throughout the Six-Day War; and in India when fighting broke out with Pakistan.

Then he found himself consul-general in Karachi at a time when Pakistan's armed forces overthrew the elected government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, imprisoning and subsequently hanging the prime minister. Even during his final posting in Amsterdam, there were political sub-currents to deal with, arising

from the hunger strike in Northern Ireland by Bobby Sands. Yet Eaden who found himself so often at the world's hot spots, had started his diplomatic career as a humble clerk.

Born in Derby, the son of a signalman with British Rail, he won a place at the local Benmore Grammar School. After leaving with a school certificate under his belt, he found himself a job in London with the Post Office, but then left for the Foreign Office.

In 1942, just turned 19, he joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as a private and was stationed in this country for two years, helping in the build-up of supplies ready for D-Day. He crossed the Channel in June 1944 and moved with the advancing armies across France into Belgium. At Antwerp just after the war, he met his wife Nelly — a locally employed Dutch girl in the same office.

Demobilised in 1947 Eaden rejoined the Foreign Office and started his steady ascent from grade to grade. Largely self-taught but blessed with a natural gift for languages, he never failed to do the jobs asked of him.

He was vice-consul in Leopoldville 1955-58, then first secretary (commercial) in a succession of postings: Addis Ababa 1958-62, Beirut 1963-67 and Bombay 1970-72. Promoted to the rank of ambassador in Brussels between 1972 and 1975 running the administrative office which linked Britain's three missions in the Belgian capital: at Nato, the EEC and the British embassy. Then came his appointment as consul-general in Karachi 1975-9, followed by a similar job at Amsterdam — where his Dutch wife and his own command of the language made him ideally suited for the post.

When he retired in 1983,

however, it was as a specialist on commerce and the Indian sub-continent that Eaden saw himself. He had added Urdu and Hindi to his list of languages (this included the Amharic he had acquired in Ethiopia) and paid several return visits to the sub-continent with his wife.

In retirement he would often read books in other languages, in between walking amid his beloved Derbyshire Peak District. He led a successful campaign to save the school in the village where he settled.

He was also actively involved in his local church. A traditionalist on most church issues, he nonetheless championed the cause of women priests — because, he maintained, their ordination would help to prevent a re-union with Rome.

Maurice Eaden's wife died early last year and he is survived by their three sons.

JAMES KILBURN



James Maurice Kilburn, cricket writer, died at Harrogate on August 28 aged 84. He was born at Sheffield on July 8, 1909.

AFTER a brief spell as a schoolmaster and a winter wandering through Finland, Jim Kilburn became cricket correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post* in 1934, a job which he did, with singular detachment and in his own distinctive style, for 42 years. A useful cricketer himself, he knew the game well and came to be greatly respected by players and readers alike.

Kilburn's predecessor on the *Yorkshire Post* was the widely A.W. Pullin, who had covered cricket for them, under the pseudonym of Old

Ebor, since 1892. Although Neville Cardus was turning cricket-writing into something of an art form for the *Manchester Guardian* it was not the full-time occupation that it is today, and Kilburn came to it by chance.

Educated at Holgate Grammar School, Barnsley, and Sheffield University, where he took a degree in economics, he taught at a prep school in Harrogate before taking himself off to Finland after getting to know the vice-consul for that country in Bradford. While in Finland he submitted occasional articles to the *Barnsley Chronicle* and the *Yorkshire Post*, which sufficiently impressed Arthur Mann, the editor of the *Yorkshire Post*, for Kilburn to be

asked to call on him. When Kilburn's interest in cricket was revealed he was appointed as Pullin's successor, with responsibility for rugby football as well.

Kilburn saw himself as a sports writer, or an essayist, as distinct from a reporter. He was no more likely to attend a press conference than to follow the trail of a story. He would not have got away with that today, but he could, and did, then — and it contributed to his creating a certain aura. By the time he was 40 he was like an invigilator in the press box, who deterred the newcomer from talking in anything much above a whisper.

As a writer he was always precise, frequently elegant, sometimes stern and invari-

ably fair and accurate. He never wrote an unpolished piece or an unimpeachable one, although he was only occasionally analytical. Had he worked for a national paper there is little doubt that he would have been as widely acknowledged as Cardus and R.C. Robertson-Glasgow and E.W. Swanton, with all of whom he overlapped.

Tall and aquiline, Kilburn went through life at his own pace, never being seen to hurry or to miss his breakfast early in the afternoon or to telephone his own copy or to leave a ground without Bill Bowes, once Bowes had finished bowling for Yorkshire and taken up his pen. He set high standards for himself and those he wrote about, and in the sports room of the *Yorkshire Post* no one ever dared to change his copy. His work could be as much an insight into social attitudes as a commentary on a game of cricket.

In Australia in 1946-47, on one of his two overseas tours for the *Yorkshire Post* (the other was to Australia in 1954-55), Kilburn helped to form the Cricket Writers' Club. He was determined that it should have a constructive and esteemed place in the game and was for many years its secretary. Not until he retired were television sets condoned in cricket press boxes.

Kilburn was a good enough golfer to have a single-figure handicap and had been a good enough cricketer to play for Barnsley in the Yorkshire Council and for Bradford in the Bradford League. For the last 15 years of his life his fight was seriously impaired. He wrote a dozen books on cricket.

His wife Mary, their son and two daughters, survive him.

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THE ICE TRADE

During the late tropical weather ice represented a real power in the community, just as in winter coal is an absolute necessity. No doubt if a few hot summers were to succeed each other we should speedily find as bountiful supplies of ice as we now do of fuel. The polar circle would be our mines, or we should lie in wait for the magnificent procession of icebergs which, according to Captain Scoresby, issue from their breeding places in Davis's Straits, and proceed southward until they touch the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, where they are a constant source of danger of passing vessels. A story is told of an American skipper who sailed upon an expedition in search of one of these bergs, grappled it, and promised himself a splendid reward. In tugging the glittering mass into harbour, however, he forgot that its submerged portion was eight times the depth of that which rose about the water line; consequently he never could get his convoy into any

ON THIS DAY

September 11 1868

Paris was having ice sent from the Alps.

but Australia seems to have been leading the field with refrigerating machines worked by steam and capable of freezing 30 tons a day.

port and was obliged to abandon it. The trade in ice is of two kinds — the rough or local ice, which the coster gathers from the ponds and the artificial pieces of water, and the foreign ice, which is used principally for table purposes. The glittering cubes of pure crystal we are accustomed to see on the fish-mongers' slabs and in the windows of the Wenham Lake Ice Company are all procured from Norway. In the hills

situated a few miles from Drobak in

Christiana Fjord there is a very pure lake fed entirely by springs belonging to this company, and from this source all the pure table ice is now supplied. There is a notion that water while in the act of congelation is purged from all foreign matter. This is only partially true. All its mineral salts and any colouring matter it may contain are removed from it, but no organic matter is eliminated in the process. For this reason the clearness of the ice is no test of its purity; many a glittering lump when it dissolves absolutely smells. In America, where the weather is at times changeable, the greatest anxiety is felt while the process of reaping is being carried on, lest a thaw should come on and spoil the harvest. It is gathered in as fast as possible into the ice houses, which are, in fact, enormous refrigerators, built of pine wood, with double walls 2 ft. apart, the intervening space being filled with sawdust, which is one of the cheapest and most readily procurable non-conductors.



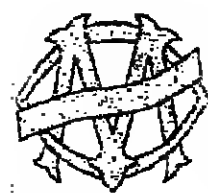
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Simon Murray, a son of fortune in business



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Wood holds on to moral high ground



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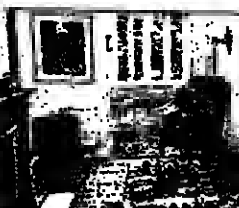
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A creditors' meeting to vote on the plan has been fixed September 30 by the administrators, Stephen Adamson, left, Nigel Hamilton and Alan Bloom

Banks agree to £1.1bn Canary Wharf rescue

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING
CORRESPONDENT

MIRROR: Group Newspapers will next week reveal plans to move to Canary Wharf after the announcement yesterday of a £1.1 billion financial rescue package for the docklands development.

Creditors will vote on the plan at the end of the month. If they approve it, Canary Wharf will come out of administration, the government will give the go-ahead for the Jubilee line extension and the administrators will hand over control of the project to a consortium of ten banks, led by Lloyds.

Sir Peter Levene, who is currently running the Docklands Light Railway and who used to be head of procurement at the defence ministry, is expected to become chairman of a new Canary Wharf company, Charles Sanderson, a director of Savills, the firm of estate agents and chartered surveyors, is likely to take over as managing director.

The company will report to a new holding company, set up by the banks, named Sylvester Investments, after the cartoon cat that never managed to catch Tweety the canary.

The administrators, insolvency partners of Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, said they had called meetings of unsecured creditors to consider proposals for company voluntary arrangements for five of the main companies. Creditors will vote on the proposals at a meeting on September 30. Approval would pave the way for Canary Wharf to come out of administration at the end of

■ The Jubilee line extension is to be given the go-ahead by the government, and a consortium of ten banks will take control of the project

October. As soon as that happens, the transport department will give the go-ahead to London Transport and London Underground to enter a formal agreement to build the Jubilee line extension. Work would probably begin early in November.

Mirror Group is thought likely to move next year. It had been looking at various sites and wanted assurance that the Jubilee line would be built before committing itself to Canary Wharf. London Underground will also move to the area.

The rescue package includes a 14-year standstill on repayment of existing debt of £568 million, and of accruing interest. All 12 banks in the original consortium have agreed to defer repayment until 2007.

However, HSBC and National Bank of Canada refused to provide new finance. The ten remaining banks — Lloyds, Barclays, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Chemical Bank, Citibank, Commerzbank, Credit Lyonnais, Credit Suisse, Kansallis-Osake-Pankki, and Royal Bank of Canada — as well as the European Investment Bank (EIB), will provide additional finance of £278 million.

The EIB will provide the initial £98 million, private-sector payment required by the government for the Jubilee line extension. The consortium of ten banks will provide a letter of credit for £27 million as payment to unsecured creditors and £153 million in long-term support for Canary Wharf development.

Talks between the banks and the government stalled this year when the government refused to agree to repay the banks if work on the line was not completed on time. A compromise has been reached, under which the banks will receive £1 million a month for each month of delay if work takes longer than 60 months.

Under the company voluntary arrangements, 1,400 unsecured creditors owed between £117 million and £149 million would be paid between 10p and 15p in the pound. Warranties are being sought from 130 creditors that helped to build the development. Those providing warranties for their work will receive a further 25p in the pound.

If they agree to the package, unsecured creditors will give up all claims in respect of the companies. The administrators need the agreement of creditors representing more than 75 per cent of the outstanding debt if the deal is to go ahead.

Stephen Adamson, joint administrator of Canary Wharf, said that if creditors rejected

the package, liquidation would be almost inevitable. If that happened, "it is unlikely, almost impossible that creditors would receive any dividend at all".

He said the administrators did not believe better terms could be obtained. Creditors will be asked to submit claims by the end of November. Mr Adamson said he hoped to pay 7p or 8p in the pound within eight to ten weeks and the final portion three months later.

Administration fees to the end of August were £14 million, half was fees to the administrators, and half, legal and estate agency fees.

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Dream of city on water revived

THE future for Canary Wharf, the government's Docklands dream of a "City on the Water" began to look a lot brighter yesterday (Patricia Tehan writes).

The £2 billion Canary Wharf development, with its 800 ft, 50-storey tower, the tallest office tower in Europe, was planned during the boom years of property development in the 1980s. Work started in 1988.

But, in May 1992, Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's Canadian parent company, col-

lapsed and Canary Wharf became the most spectacular of a long list of property company failures. It was the largest ever property administration. Part of the problem was the complete lack of dependable transport.

After 16 months of hard graft the project has become Britain's most successful administration. The transport problem was eased with the opening of the Limehouse Link and will be revolutionised when the Jubilee line extension opens in 1998. The

administrators say the project was the most complex they have ever tackled.

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Aeroflot may face four-way split

AEROFLOT, the world's biggest air carrier under Soviet Communism, is on the verge of being broken up as Russia moves increasingly to market economics (Colin Narborough writes).

In contrast to many of its loss-making Western rivals, the airline made a \$1.2 billion profit on its international business last year. However, profits are expected to contract sharply this year.

Whether Aeroflot would be better sold off in parts may still be a matter of bitter dispute in Moscow, but the political fragmentation of the former Soviet Union has meant a *de facto* breaking up of the once monolithic airline, as newly independent repub-



lics seek the prestige of having their own carriers.

Western airlines have not been slow to exploit the opportunities offered by the opening up of Russia's transcontinental airspace. British Airways already has a joint venture, Air Russia, and other Western airlines have moved in to pick off much of the lucrative business traffic generated since the collapse of communism. Vladimir Tikhonov,

head of Aeroflot's international commercial section, said in Moscow this week that a decision by the state privatisation agency could mean that the airline's international operations would be split into four independent carriers.

Western airline analysts believe that the severe political and economic difficulties with which the Russians are having to cope will make it almost impossible to keep Aeroflot intact. Indeed, many analysts believe that much of its ageing, under-maintained fleet, will have to be scrapped before a viable business can be built up.

The extremely cheap domestic fares will also have to become a thing of the past if Aeroflot is to be commercially

viable and an attractive privatisation candidate.

Mr Tikhonov said that the plan would split the international fleet of 200 aircraft, cut the number of destinations and kill off the well-established Aeroflot name in international markets.

He believes that airlines today have to be big to compete effectively in a global market. Aeroflot's sheer size now allows it to subsidise the 30 per cent of its routes that are unprofitable.

Until Russia stabilises its economy, foreign money will remain difficult to attract, although some City analysts believe that airlines offer a good opportunity for Western investors.

Trade gap dips to £3.3bn in second quarter

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BRITAIN'S trade gap narrowed to £3.3 billion in the second quarter from a savagely revised first-quarter deficit of £3.5 billion, according to the latest government figures.

The whole-world trade data, which include new-style figures for the European Community, Britain's biggest trading partner, were, on face value, accepted as very good in the City. The first-quarter deficit was cut by £1 billion from the previously reported figure of £4.5 billion.

The improvement will help Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, dispel fears of a potential current account problem as the data suggest that the trade deficit is not worsening as the economy recovers, contrary to many predictions.

But City analysts question the reliability of the data covering EC trade, a system introduced this year under the single market programme. Particular doubts concerned the estimate that showed collapsing imports from Europe. Despite the overall improve-

ment, the deficit with the EC doubled to £800 million.

"There are obviously serious problems with the data," John Marsland, economist at UBS, the broker, said. Adrian Cooper, economist at James Capel, the broker, said the figures were "totally bizarre" and the reporting system "flatters" the true position. The value of total exports fell £500 million to £29.1 billion in the second quarter. Imports also dropped from £33.1 billion to £32.4 billion, the Central Statistical Office said.

Volume exports, stripped of oil and erratic items, such as aircraft and gems, were estimated to have risen by 1 per cent, after a fall of 3 per cent in the first quarter. But import volumes fell 5 per cent last quarter after a 3 per cent decline in the first quarter.

Some economists read the picture of rising exports at a time of weak world demand as evidence that the pound's devaluation has given a huge lift to British export competitiveness, possibly 25 per cent.

OECD cautious on European recovery

BY OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

THE European recession shows signs of bottoming out, and recovery may be in sight, according to Working Party Three (WP3), a key committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank vice-president, who has chaired WP3's quarterly sessions for three years, added a warning to the mildly encouraging assessment: no one can be sure about the economic situation yet.

Kumi Shigehara, head of economics at the OECD, said it would have to revise down its most recent growth forecasts for Europe and Japan, while the American economy

was moving more or less as projected in July. He said the need for revisions applied to Japan in particular because of the stronger yen.

Japanese companies are experiencing the deepest gloom for 18 years, fuelling fears that the economy may slump even further, according to the Bank of Japan's latest tankan survey, published yesterday.

Herr Tietmeyer, announcing the results of the WP3 session of central bankers and finance ministry officials in Paris yesterday, urged a "cautious" policy response to the economic signals being sent. He said efforts to rebuild credibility and greater economic convergence were necessary.

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Renamed Ratners still in red

By SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Ratners name officially reentered into corporate history yesterday as shareholders of the jewellery group voted to adopt the name Signet.

The name of the company's flamboyant founder could also disappear from the high street next year depending on the outcome of a pilot programme, which will test a new format for the struggling Ratners chain. James McAdam, chairman, admits the Ratners fascia, which currently has 142 outlets, remains "a problem child" in the group. He has therefore stepped up action to convert about 40 shops to the H Samuel name by next spring.

Combined with store closures, Mr McAdam expects the Ratners chain will comprise only 60 shops by mid-1994. He says the conversion programme has proved successful, with the former Ratners stores posting sales gains of between 15 per cent and 20 per cent under the H Samuel name.

The Ratners chain was again the weakest performer in a first half that saw group pre-tax losses fall by 3 per cent from £27.7 million to £26.9 million for the six months to July 31.

Excluding currency movements and an exceptional profit from the disposal of Watches of Switzerland in the

previous period, losses were reduced by 20 per cent. Group turnover rose from £363.1 million to £399.6 million, although at constant exchange rates sales fell by 3 per cent, reflecting the impact of the store closure programme, which saw 114 outlets closed in the first half. Like-for-like sales advanced by 2 per cent.

None of the British chains made it into the black although both H Samuel and Ernest Jones recorded increases in like-for-like sales. Underlying sales fell by 12 per cent at Ratners and by 8 per cent at Salisbury's, the luggage and accessories chain. Action is being taken by a new management team to turn Salisbury's round, but Mr McAdam said he would still be prepared to sell it at the right price.

The American operations enjoyed a 5 per cent increase in like-for-like sales as last year's stock problems were sorted out and the business regained market share.

Mr McAdam says the challenge for the group is to boost sales. Having taken almost £100 million out of the cost base over the last two years, the group now has to develop marketing initiatives to lift demand in a sluggish jewellery market. He made a promise that all the chains would be revamped over the next three years.



James McAdam, chairman, says Ratners stores' weak performance means that they remain "a problem child".

Bardon sees better times ahead

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

BARDON, the quarry and aggregates group that raised £72 million in July through a rights issue, senses higher volumes and modestly firmer prices in some parts of its American market. It does not, however, expect substantial improvement in its overall trading performance until 1994, Sir Peter Parker, the chairman, said.

Operating profit in the first half of 1993 was £9.2 million, compared with £13.4 million last time. At the pre-tax level, Bardon made a £59.5 million loss. That included a £60 million provision against Civil

& Marine, the company's sea-dredging business that is currently up for sale. The 1992 interim pre-tax profit was £4.6 million.

However, disregarding exceptional, the 1993 interim pre-tax profit of £500,000 compares favourably with a £300,000 forecast made in the document setting out the one-for-two rights issue. As then indicated, the interim dividend is held at 0.8p, and an unchanged total for the year of 2p is forecast.

"The worst is undoubtedly behind us," Sir Peter added. Peter Tom, chief executive,

said profits from Scottish operations were down on the previous time, having been hurt by bad debts. The civil engineering market in Scotland remained difficult.

Bardon Resources, the English quarrying business, had had a sound half year, despite a continued fall in aggregates demand in the UK.

Talks with unnamed parties concerning the sale of Civil & Marine continue.

Half of Bardon's turnover and profits are generated in America, and Bardon is seeing increasing benefits from the faster pace of economic dev-

elopment in Massachusetts and Maryland.

However, prices in Massachusetts remain the key to how the current financial year ends, and the real impact of higher activity in America will not make itself felt before next year.

The money raised by the 40p share rights issue helped to clip gearing from 98 per cent to a current 68 per cent, and Bardon aims to lower the figure to about 50 per cent.

An estimated 8 per cent of the equity is held by American investors. The shares fell by 1p, to 48p.

Chief 'stole' £2m from pensioners'

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE chief executive of a building group stole £2 million from its pension fund to pay company debts, a jury was told yesterday.

Gerald Smith, 37, forged an authority to liquidate assets of the Farr Group Pension Fund in January 1990, Southwark Crown Court was told. He also sent cash through banks in Geneva and Panama before bringing it back to this country to reduce debts.

Because of its complicated route it appeared Mr Smith was putting his own funds into the company, David Perry-Davey QC, prosecuting, said. The group, which employed hundreds of people, collapsed in December 1990, with debts of more than £30 million.

Mr Smith, of Almeida Street, Islington, north London, denies seven charges of theft and one charge of forgery.

Mr Perry-Davey described Mr Smith as the company's "ultimate decision-maker and prime mover", whose management style saw him take more and more authority without consulting his board of directors.

He said Mr Smith "was not a trustee in the pension fund and was not entitled to act in the way he did".

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Brent oil price falls to lowest since June 1990

THE price of Brent North Sea crude oil fell below \$16 a barrel in London yesterday, to its lowest level since June 1990. Brent for October delivery traded at \$15.80 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange at the start of the afternoon, down from \$16 at the close on Thursday. It had earlier slipped to \$15.66 before rallying slightly. Analysts said the breaching of the technical barrier of \$15.90 a barrel had accentuated the fall.

Prices fell at the start of the week after the International Energy Agency revised down its forecasts of world oil demand. The agency cut its estimate for demand in the third quarter by 300,000 barrels per day (bpd), to 65.8 million bpd, and said fourth-quarter demand would be 68.4 million bpd. In the first quarter of 1994, demand would rise to 69.1 million bpd, falling to 66.5 million bpd in the second quarter. The agency said Opec's crude oil production had risen by 100,000 bpd a day in August, to 24.7 million bpd.

Vinten lifts dividend

VINTEN Group, the specialist optical, broadcast and camera equipment maker, is raising its dividend to 2.1p (1.9p) despite sliding into the red at the halfway stage, after making hefty provisions on the sale of a loss-making business in America. Vinten dived to a pre-tax loss of £1.7 million in the six months to end-June, against a profit of £4.29 million last time. Trading profit showed a healthy 23.8 per cent upturn to £6 million. Turnover advanced 20.1 per cent to £43.7 million.

Gaskell cuts prices

GASKELL, the quoted Lancashire carpet-maker, gave a warning of disappointing trading in the first half, saying that it had been forced to cut prices to defend market share. Operating losses were £369,000, in the comparable period last year. Gaskell made a £286,000 operating profit. However, a one-off profit of £913,000 from a factory fire claim has resulted in a rise in pre-tax profits to £393,000 from £15,000. The interim dividend is being maintained at 1.5p a share.

Bletchley accelerates

STRONG performances from all divisions helped Bletchley Motor Group achieve a 30 per cent advance in first-half profits. The multi-franchise motor vehicle distributor continued its recovery, lifting pre-tax profits to £785,000 in the six months to end-June, up from £604,000 last time, on turnover ahead 13 per cent to £39.6 million. Earnings, diluted by last year's share placing, dip to 10.9p a share, down from 11.4p last time, but the interim dividend is raised to 4.75p (4.4p).

Freehold fetches £62.5m

TWO French insurance companies, GAN and UAP, have bought the freehold of 20 St James's Square in the West End of London for £62.5 million in what is one of the biggest property transactions in the area undertaken this year. The freehold was bought from Kumagal Gurni, one of the top six Japanese construction companies, which developed the site at the end of the 1980s. It is believed the net yield will be 7.5 per cent. The building has been let to Grand Metropolitan since 1990.

Beattie raises payout

JAMES Beattie, the department store group based in Wolverhampton, is raising its interim dividend to 1.5p from 1.4p, in spite of a 30.8 per cent slide in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits fell to £1.22 million in the half year to end-July, down from £1.76 million last time. Investment income and interest receipts fell to £626,000, sliding from £1.04 million previously, reflecting lower interest rates. Earnings per share slip to 1.73p (2.51p). Sales advanced 5.3 per cent to £37.4 million.

Armour Trust ahead

ARMOUR Trust, the holding company with interests in automotive components and confectionery, increased pre-tax profits by 15 per cent to £1.6 million (£1.4 million) in the year to the end of April, and earnings to 4.2p (3.7p). The final dividend of 1.2p, up 10 per cent, takes the total payment to 1.6365p (1.4885p). The company said growth should be measured against the impact of the pound's devaluation, which increased the price of sugar — a key cost — 20 per cent.

Elys holds interim

PRE-TAX profits of Elys (Wimbledon), the retailer, fell by 39 per cent from £121,000 to £74,000 for the six months to end-July. Turnover also slipped from £5.7 million to £5.3 million. The group said trading had been difficult in the first half, due to an overcapacity of retail space in the Wimbledon area, which far outstripped demand. It believed an upturn was unlikely before next year. Earnings fell to 4.1p a share from 6.7p, but the interim dividend is held at 1.5p per share.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Simon Murray

Soldier of fortune seeks fresh adventure

Hong Kong's
most colourful
English *taipan*
is taking on a
new challenge,
Lulu Yu says

Once upon a time, Simon Murray was forced to stand up and fight fellow paratroopers in the French Foreign Legion with his fists. He demonstrated his guts by not backing down. There are great similarities between Simon Murray the legionnaire, and Simon Murray the corporate *taipan*, who this week was appointed head of Deutsche Bank's fast-expanding Asia-Pacific operations. He starts on January 1.

In his nine years as managing director of Hutchison Whampoa, he showed Li Ka-shing, his powerful boss, that he was a man of substance. He could go to the knuckle when required; he also knew when to knuckle under.

Mr Murray's life is full of colour and contrasts. He loves "romance" and "variety," he loves literature and politics. He thinks that to be boring is a sin. "I'd hate to go to university, work for a firm for 40 years, play rounds of golf, pay off the mortgage and collapse on an armchair to die."

Now 53, and leaving a group in which Mr Li's two sons are being groomed for the top, this unusual Englishman, fluent in German, French and Thai, is joining another foreign company to start yet another adventure.

He will be Deutsche Bank's chief executive in Asia, based in Hong Kong and looking after the German giant's interests from Japan to Australia. He remains a non-executive director of Hutchison and of Cheung Kong Holdings, Mr Li's property flagship.

He said his parting with Mr Li had been amicable. "No one has ever done more for me than K. S. Li," he told *The Times* after his resignation. "I know he is very fond of me, and the feeling is reciprocated." He said he saw Mr Li as a



As a foreign legionnaire in his 20s, Simon Murray honed the qualities of toughness and readiness for risk that took him to the top in Hong Kong's business world



"hero"; that was why he had left Jardine Matheson, the British *hong* (trading house) that had groomed him for 14 years, to work for Hutchison in 1984. "It was because of Li that I went, not because of Hutchison. I admired the man."

By acquiring Hutchison from Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in 1979, Mr Li became the first Chinese *taipan* to rival the British trading companies. In 1985, he did it again, wresting control of Hong Kong Electric, one of the colony's two power suppliers, from the debt-ridden Jardine group.

Today, Hutchison has well-defined interests in property, container terminals, retailing, telecommunications, electricity and oil. In the 1970s and early 1980s, it was a pot-pourri, built up by acquisition.

"It was a company that was difficult to see as a single entity," Mr Murray said. "Its image was too soft. I wanted it to be seen as Hong Kong's number one company. If Jardines could have such a wonderful name and make less money than us, we should do something about it."

In his time, Hutchison has shaped up, trimmed down, and expanded overseas, chiefly by acquiring Husky Oil in Canada and establishing Hutchison Telecom in the UK. The move abroad reflected the political mood of the time, the uncertainties businessmen felt after the 1984 signing of the Sino-British pact on Hong Kong's future.

"It was a kind of fail-safe system in the event that the market became difficult or depressed in the run-up to 1997," Mr Murray said. "It was

political but not just political. We simply had too much in Hong Kong — electricity, container terminals, properties, telecommunications. We were receiving a few glances from the government. People were wondering: is there something menacing about this?"

Some analysts saw the Husky acquisition as a bold, visionary move. Others thought it was madness. What was a Hong Kong company doing toying with a North American oil business?

When the Husky deal was sealed, Mr Murray recalls, "K. S. said to me: 'Simon, I'm really happy.' And he asked his secretary to bring in two glasses of Cognac, and we had a toast, at three in the afternoon. It was a special mo-

ment." There were others. He recounted an incident which showed a little-known side of Mr Li. "We were talking about a Japanese stock. I was recommending it to him. He said, if it's so good, why don't you buy it. I'll lend you the money. I turned down his offer and never thought about it again. A year later, he handed me a big cheque and said it was the profit I'd made from that stock."

Hutchison made big profits, year after year, but also ploughed cash into loss-making investments. Husky was the first disaster. Depressed oil prices, and a forced buyout of Nova, a Canadian partner, meant Hutchison had to make huge provisions, which wiped out all the gains made in Hong Kong. Hutchison Telecom in the UK, of which Hutchison has a 65 per cent stake,

looks like a black hole. Mr Murray's vision of a new personal communications network costs a lot of money — HK\$1 billion (£84 million) has been spent so far, another HK\$9 billion can be expected by 1995.

In an about-turn that amounted to a slap in the face for Mr Murray and his executives, Mr Li announced late last year that he would scale down telecommunications investments in Britain and refocus on Hong Kong. Mr Murray, always accessible to the press, did not answer enquiries for several days. In the end, Mr Li issued a statement saying Hutchison would concentrate on Hong Kong and China, but PCN would be "under the right, direct control of the Hong Kong head office." More than 40 UK staff had already been sacked.

Many believe the episode led to Mr Murray's resignation. He denies, however, that a rift developed between him and other Hutchison executives, and remains convinced that PCN will be successful. "Telecom is not finished," he said. "We haven't even started the PCN. I'd be wrong to write it off. Look at our telecom business in Hong Kong. Started from scratch and it makes a billion bucks a year."

He is bitter about the way Husky was perceived, as if it was meant to be a quick investment. "People should remember that if you want to get into a big game and you're not prepared for the big swings, you shouldn't be in it."

People who have dealt with Mr Murray give him high marks. "He is highly regarded in the financial world," John Hung, executive director of World International Holdings, said. "He's done a great deal to help the positioning of Hutchison. The company's high profile is to a large extent due to what he had done in his first six years." George Cardona, group planning controller of Hongkong Bank, added: "He is dynamic and inspirational. He works very hard, but knows how to delegate, too."

Mr Murray joined the French Foreign Legion when he was 19, left at 24 and became a Jardine man at 26. That was in 1966. The *hong* made a profit of HK\$16 million that year, and Mr Murray £800. The second-class private soldier started from the bottom, selling toilets and industrial goods in Thailand and working his way up to become manager of Jardine's trading division.

Jardine, he says, was a very different company from Hutchison. "There was a swashbuckling atmosphere. The Jardine people strode through the town in a way that made you feel these guys owned the place." Hutchison, on the other hand, was a Western-style company with a lot of Chinese influence. "Chinese companies tend to be flat. Everyone reports to the boss. We're more like a military structure, with generals and divisional commanders." The Hutchison years, he said, had been fun. "I'm a team player. I enjoy winning the games. I love climbing mountains. Good views from the top, sense of achievement."

City loses another big name

By SARAH BAGNALL

THE death knell rang out for another famous City name yesterday when analysts and salesmen at a traditional stockbroking firm were summoned at 9am and told their services were no longer required.

Banque Indosuez is dropping the Carr Kitcat & Aitken name as part of a restructuring of its stockbroking operations, a process that involves the loss of 42 jobs.

It marks the end of a turbulent time for the firm, relaunched under its latest guise when Indosuez bought the name and merged it with WI Carr in July 1990. The firm joins a long list of famous City names that have disappeared in the wake of Big Bang, including Phillips & Drew, Scrimgeour Vickers, and Savory Miln, all now part of much larger banking operations and all foreign-owned.

This is not the first time Kitcat & Aitken has been closed. When it was a wholly-owned arm of the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank closed it in May 1991 after mounting losses and blamed overcapacity in the London securities industry.

The future looked bleak until Deutsche Bank stepped in with takeover plans. After 12 days of discussions, the bank withdrew, much to the surprise of the stockbroking firm's directors.

Two weeks later, Banque Indosuez stepped in, saving the jobs of 24 senior salesmen, analysts and dealers along

with the Kitcat & Aitken name. The French bank merged the personnel with its other broking operation, WI Carr, renaming the business Carr Kitcat & Aitken.

The newly-formed operation then set out to build the UK client base of a firm, which had traditionally specialised in the Far East and in selling British shares abroad. The purchase of the Kitcat & Aitken name was rumoured to have cost £100,000 and followed the bank's acquisition of Gartmore, the fund manager, as part of its London expansion plans.

Indosuez's ownership was never problem free. The bank lost Carr's team of leisure analysts, which Exel had ranked in the top three covering the sector, to Smith New Court. Other departures followed including Carr's number one rated insurance analyst to SG Warburg.

In June 1991, Indosuez was forced to inject up to £20 million of extra capital into Carr Kitcat & Aitken, to satisfy regulators that it was able to cover potential losses from Polly Peck International. The broker was among several City firms later left holding worthless Polly Peck shares.

The latest move leaves the bank conducting institutional stockbroking business through five specialist teams in overseas equities and gifts.

Indosuez said it will now offer no more than a limited service in UK equities to its institutional clients.



Andrew Staniland, chief executive of Headway, right, and Peter Hodgson, finance director, with enthusiastic fans of the group's playground equipment. Lower interest charges helped lift pre-tax profits 15 per cent to £27,000, in spite of depressed trade. The dividend stays at 0.7p.

SB shares hit after drug ruling

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

SHARES of SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical giant, fell sharply on Wall Street, after US drug regulators rejected its application to sell a reduced strength non-prescription version of Tagamet, its anti-ulcer drug, to heartburn sufferers.

The American patent on Tagamet runs out next year, and the company is anxious to gain a strong foothold in the over-the-counter market before other versions appear.

But two advisory committees to the US Food and Drug Administration expressed con-

cerns about the drug's effect on people taking asthma, blood-thinning or seizure medicines and said that SB's studies did not show how the new drug would affect the elderly.

The decision delays a move by SB into a market worth an estimated \$1 billion a year and where it would compete with existing over-the-counter anti-acid products. FDA officials said Tagamet had been shown to be safe and effective as a prescription anti-ulcer drug.

The committees said safety concerns over the effect on those taking other drugs could

be resolved with adequate warning labels. But the FDA's gastro-intestinal and non-prescription drug advisory panels said that SB had not proved that Tagamet in a lower dose was more effective in fighting heartburn and other stomach disorders than placebos, a criteria it must meet.

SB said that it would meet FDA officials to resolve the question of medical tests. SB shares were down \$1 by lunchtime in New York to \$31.875. In London, the company's A shares closed 11p lower at 417p.

Japanese confidence at 18-year low

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S corporate boardrooms are in the deepest gloom for 18 years, stoking fears that the economy might slump even further, a central bank survey shows.

Economists said the sickly business confidence revealed in the Bank of Japan's *tanken* survey would raise pressure on the bank to cut its key lending rate and on the government to take bold fiscal steps to boost the economy.

"We need a discount rate cut and fiscal stimulus," said Hidehiko Okumura, chief economist at Nomura Research Institute. "There must be a balance between fiscal and monetary policy."

The *tanken* survey was conducted in

August and covered 7,376 companies. It is a key barometer of business confidence and important reference for formulating monetary policy. The *tanken*'s diffusion index for big manufacturers, which compares the ratio of those who expect business to improve with those who expect it to worsen, slipped to minus 51 in August, from minus 49 in May.

Signs that Japan's long-stagnant economy remains stalled and risks deteriorating have already prompted the new coalition government of Morihiro Hosokawa, prime minister, to draft a new package of stimulative measures by mid-month. Financial markets also expect the bank

soon to cut its official discount rate by at least 50 basis points, from its current historic low of 2.5 per cent, to help spur the economy.

Some private economists had expected even worse figures in the *tanken* survey, and Geoffrey Barker, an economist at Baring Securities, said that the survey could mark the bottom of the current recession.

"The issue isn't whether or not the economy is getting worse, but that it isn't getting any better and to make it get better, they have to cut rates," Paul Summerville, head of research at Lehman Brothers Japan, said.

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"The market is nervous and kind of sensitive to any kind of economic number," Steven Van Brunt, vice-president of

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Santa Inez	21%	21%	Household Ind.	77%	77%	Schering Plough	60%	60%
Beck's Chicken	35%	35%	Brownco Inds	40%	40%	Schlumberger	64	64
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Black & Decker	30%	20%	Illinois Tool	40	32%	Sears Roebuck	56	54%
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Roising	45%	39%	Ingersoll Rand	39%	38%	Sherrin Wilms	34%	34%

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Phone-based insurers in the fast lane for value

THE enormous success of Direct Line and other telephone-based insurers has revolutionised the motor insurance market.

Traditional companies, which have relied on brokers to sell their policies, have been forced to set up their own operations, creating a range of choice that can only be good for the consumer and should help to keep prices down and service standards high.

Direct telephone insurers have undercut the market by selecting low-risk policyholders. Churchill Insurance covers drivers between the ages of 25 and 74, although existing customers over the age of 74 will still be offered insurance.

Martin Long, Churchill's chief executive, says: "These people are better insurance risks. They have fewer accidents and the accidents they do have are less expensive."

The lower anticipated cost of accidents is passed on to the customers. Maureen McElney switched to Churchill from a traditional insurer last month when they offered a premium costing £400 less.

Mrs McElney, who lives in Liverpool, shared a car for several years with her brother-in-law and had been included as a second driver on their insurance policy. She had not

Direct insurers have undercut the market by targeting low-risk drivers, reports Jill Insley

generated a no claims bonus as a result. When she bought her own Vauxhall Astra 1300 at the age of 60 last month she sought insurance from her previous insurer, Royal Insurance, but was horrified to discover the premium would be £700. A few minutes after calling Churchill she had

younger ones." Steve Gates, marketing services manager for Norwich Union, disagrees: "None of our products subsidise each other."

Customers have also been attracted to the direct companies because of the ease and efficiency of dealing over the phone. Telephone-based in-

their client, checking the cover provided and collecting quotes from different insurance companies. Drivers who do not fall into the low-risk group targeted by direct insurers may find that their quotes are deliberately uncompetitive or that their application is declined.

Martin Burke, group marketing manager for insurance broker Membership Services Direct, says: "An insurance broker will find insurance for you regardless of where you live, what you drive, your age or your record." He also points out that most insurance brokers will either have access to or be a Lloyd's broker, providing a further source of insurance which is not available directly to the customer.

Traditional insurers have responded to the competition by cutting their premium rate and increasing the provision of additional services such as breakdowns and recovery cover, and insurer-approved repair centres. Norwich Union automatically includes a recovery service in its Lady Motoring policies.

Other traditional insurers have launched their own direct telephone insurance company. Guardian Royal Exchange has announced a launch in the near future.



Maureen McElney saved £400 within minutes by getting a direct insurance quote for her Vauxhall Astra

Telephone-based insurers can give quotes within seconds of inputting details of the car and driver into their underwriting system

bought fully comprehensive cover for £258, plus breakdown cover of £52.

Mr Long believes that traditional insurers subsidise higher-risk drivers at the expense of lower-risk drivers. He says: "We take the view that youngsters have so many accidents that, despite the fact their premiums are more expensive, there are still some subsidies at work. The claims are so big that the older drivers are subsidising the

surers can give quotes within seconds of inputting details.

The insurer can take credit card details immediately and the policy, not a credit note, is posted the same day. The driver seeking insurance from a traditional company may not see the policy for up to three months.

Direct insurers, as the name implies, deal with the customers directly rather than through a broker. Insurance brokers do the leg work for

COST OF CAR COVER

Car	a = FULLY COMPREHENSIVE Churchill (£)	b = 3RD PARTY FIRE AND THEFT Direct Line	c = 3RD PARTY FIRE AND THEFT Norwich Union	d = 3RD PARTY FIRE AND THEFT Sphere Drake
Jaguar XJ6 4.2 (1)	a.£930 b.£100 c.£117 d.£120	a.£484 b.£280 c.£272 d.£272	a.£382 b.£272 c.£272 d.£272	a.£386 b.£272 c.£272 d.£272
BMW 318i(2)	a.£1207 b.£250 c.£250 d.£250	a.£253 b.£253 c.£253 d.£253	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256
Rover 214Si(3)	a.£1207 b.£250 c.£250 d.£250	a.£253 b.£253 c.£253 d.£253	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256
Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 (4)	a.£1207 b.£250 c.£250 d.£250	a.£253 b.£253 c.£253 d.£253	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256
Kawasaki Zie500 motorcycle(5)	a.£1207 b.£250 c.£250 d.£250	a.£253 b.£253 c.£253 d.£253	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256	a.£256 b.£256 c.£256 d.£256

Notes: 1. One male driver aged 55, managing director of company. Lives and works in central Manchester. Two speeding fines - 3 and 2 years ago. Car used to drive to and from work. Five years no claims bonus.
2. Main driver male aged 40, marketing director for computer company. Sole user of car for work. Second driver - wife aged 38. Lives in Derbyshire, works in Oxford. Five years no claims.
3. Main driver woman aged 45, solicitor. Sole user of car for work. Second driver husband aged 46. Also to be used for 18-year-old son who is learning to drive. Lives in Skipton, works in Leeds. Four years no claims.
4. One male driver aged 25, clerical civil servant. Uses car to get to work. Lives in Clacton, works in Clacton. Two years no claims.
5. One male rider aged 32, communications consultant. Bikes used for work. Lives and works in central London.
6. Churchill require additional compulsory excesses - £100 for fire and theft, and £50 windscreen cover.
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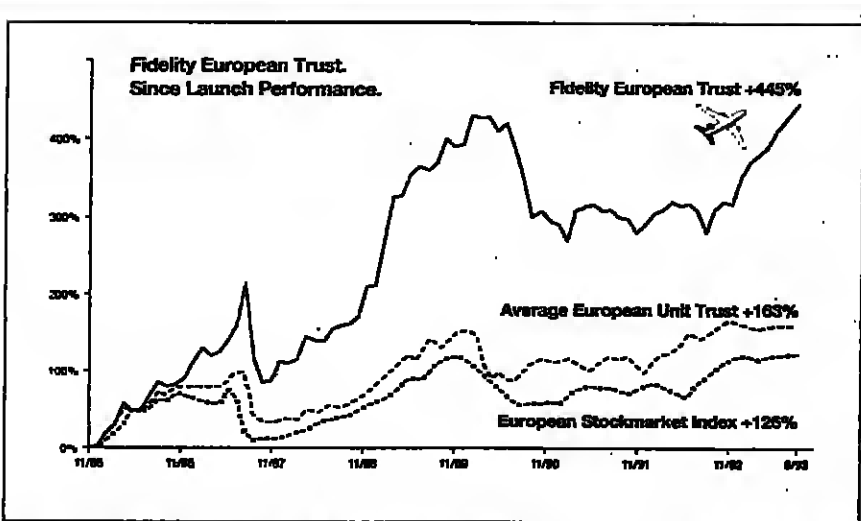
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'Significant' move away from equities

Reports of investors rushing to take advantage of the rising stock market in August may not be telling the whole story, says Fidelity Brokerage, the commission-only share-dealing service.

Fidelity says it saw a significant move away from the stock market in August. During the last week of the month, its clients withdrew twice as much as they invested in equities. As the average value of Fidelity's private client trades is three times that of the industry average, the broker concludes that the more sophisticated private investor has become increasingly concerned about recent rises in share values.

- Lloyds Bank's New Value Cover home contents policy offers a 10 per cent no-claims discount for policyholders who do not claim in the first year. Lloyds said research showed 69 per cent of homeowners expect the provision of a no claims discount on home insurance. A 10 per cent discount for over-60s has been extended to include over-50s.
- Morgan Grenfell is to launch two high-interest funds. One is an income trust, offering an estimated 10 per cent yield. Charges are: 5 per cent initially, plus 1.5 per cent a year. The other offers a mixture of income and growth, with an expected yield of around 7 per cent. Both are Peppable.
- Yorkshire Building Society is to launch a telephone share dealing service early in 1994. The low-cost, high volume service will be aimed at the mass market. Investors will be able to buy and sell all stocks

quoted in sterling on the London stock market.

- As the government considers whether to relax regulations governing homes for the elderly, Eagle Star has produced a free guide to choosing private residential and nursing homes. The booklet includes a check list of features such as facilities, finance, safety and standards of medical care.
- Home & Colonial has launched an offshore version of its high-income unit trust. The Sterling Distribution Fund pays 10 per cent gross, net of charges, every quarter. The minimum investment is £5,000. The initial charge is 5 per cent; the annual charge is 1.5 per cent.
- Students who bank with the Halifax Building Society get interest-free overdrafts up to £300 for three years. They also receive a combined Switch, ATM and cheque card.

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Lower borrowing rates mean many people have spare cash. Liz Dolan offers ideas on what to do with £50 a month

Seeking out those happy returns

FALLING borrowing rates over the past year or two have released extra funds into borrowers' bank accounts. Rather than fritter away the entire surplus each month, beneficiaries should consider investing at least part of it in a regular monthly savings plan. The payments do not have to be large. In fact, the lower the initial commitment, the less danger there is of being unable to meet payments later. For the purposes of this article, it is assumed that £50 a month is an affordable sum.

There is a plethora of investment vehicles from which to choose. Some involve more risk than others, although this is normally balanced by higher potential returns. Some offer flexible payment options, or allow savers to withdraw money when they wish.

Others impose heavy penalties on those who miss payments, or cash in before the end of a set investment period. Tax-free plans are probably the best bet, especially for those in the higher rate band. Alternatives include:

- Regular payment personal equity plans (Peps): the most tax-efficient way into the stock market as they are free of both income and capital gains tax. Available from investment houses, most high street banks and some building societies.
- With-profits endowment plan: a life assurance savings product that provides a lump sum, paid either on maturity, or death. Most companies declare an annual bonus, plus a terminal bonus on maturity.



Savers may not coin it, but they can choose from a vast array of investment schemes — provided they weigh the risks

The proceeds of a ten-year policy may be taken tax free after seven-and-a-half years. For longer-term policies, the payout is tax free after three quarters of the term, or ten years, whichever is earlier. Situated at the relatively low-risk, low-return end of the investment spectrum, these are for the safety-conscious who are confident that they will not have to touch their money in the first few years of the policy, when they stand to lose a large slice of their initial investment in commission payments. Royal London's with-profits policy has done extremely well over the past 20 years. Other solid performers include Equitable Life, Tunbridge Wells Friendly Society, Refuge and Norwich Union.

Tax-exempt special savings plan (Tessa): tax free provided none of the capital is touched for five years. Rates can change at any time. Interest may be withdrawn tax free, as long as it does not exceed the amount that would have remained after tax. A maximum of £9,000 may be invested over the period. Annual maximums: £3,000 in the first year; £1,800 in each of the next three; £600 in the final year. Some plans pay bonuses on maturity. Transfers to other institutions are normally possible, but this may involve loss of bonus, or transfer charges. Building societies offering good rates of interest include: Hinckley & Rugby (8.05 per cent), St Pancras (8 per cent) and Melton Mowbray (7.70 per cent). None pays a maturity bonus. Banks tend to pay less than building societies.

Save-As-You-Earn: a tax-free government savings scheme. The only drawback is the maximum monthly payment of just £20. It pays 8.5 per cent a year if the money is untouched for five years. No payments are accepted after five years but, if the accumulate balance is left in for a further two years, the annual interest rate rises to 8.62 per cent. No interest is paid on withdrawals during the first year; those made between the first and sixth year still earn 6 per cent interest, tax free. Available from a number of building societies, including Bradford & Bingley, Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Bristol & West, plus one bank, Abbey National.

National Savings Yearly Plan: a tax-free, five-year plan that pays 5.75 per cent a year. Monthly payments for the first year only of between £20 and £400. It must be then left alone for a further four years. If the standing order is not cancelled at the end of the first year, payments will continue into the next yearly plan, with an interest rate fixed at the new prevailing rate.

Building society accounts with monthly contributions: Interest rates tend to be prohibitively low, especially if starting from scratch, and interest is taxable. Rates are slightly more attractive where there is an existing balance. On a minimum balance of £500, with a 90-day delay on access, the Halifax pays 3.38 per cent net and the Leeds 3.45 per cent.

Jeremy Dufton, financial planning manager, Yorkshire Bank, recommends investing £20 a month in SAYE. For the "very, very safety conscious", he advises paying the remaining £30 into a ten-year endowment plan. If a friendly society is used, £18 of this may be invested tax free. He is keen on the Tunbridge Wells Friendly Society. For the less risk-averse, a Pep plan offers much better potential returns and would be more flexible, he says. Colin Firth, branch manager of Bradford & Bingley's Moorgate branch, also recommends a combination of SAYE and Peps. He says Tessa rates are not as attractive as they once were and would prefer to look elsewhere first. Mr Firth is adamant that homeowners, especially higher rate taxpayers, should also consider using spare cash to increase monthly mortgage payments during periods of low interest rates.

S&P promises low rates in long term

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

CREDIT cards without an annual fee became more of an endangered species this week as Save & Prosper announced that new customers would no longer have the choice of a card without an annual fee.

S&P, a small bank with 100,000 existing credit card customers, said this week that its new Visa and Mastercard plastic cards would have an annual fee of £12, and an interest rate of 1 per cent a month, 14.6 per cent a year for customers buying goods on their cards and not paying off the balance in full. Cash advances on the card will cost 16.1 per cent. This is about eight percentage points less than competing cards from the big issuers such as Barclaycard, which charges 22.9 per cent with a £10 annual fee.

Cardholders will have to pay interest from the date of the transaction rather than the date of the statement, typically at least a week later. All other major card issuers have moved in this direction.

S&P maintains that charging a fee and charging interest from the transaction date allow it to offer a lower rate. It will also be fussy about who it takes, to keep down its bad debts. Only homeowners, with a steady job and a good credit record, will be accepted.

More mass market issuers say they cannot offer such low rates as S&P. Some who started out with low rates, like the Halifax, were forced to raise them. Now the Halifax is more expensive than Barclaycard. John Walsh, the Halifax's assistant general manager, said: "We couldn't break even, we were losing money on our card. We had to face bad debts."

S&P's Ian Lindsey, director of banking, said: "This is not a low interest rate we intend to increase in a few months after clients have signed up. If the general level of interest rates remains unchanged for the next decade then our rate will not change — that's a cast iron guarantee."

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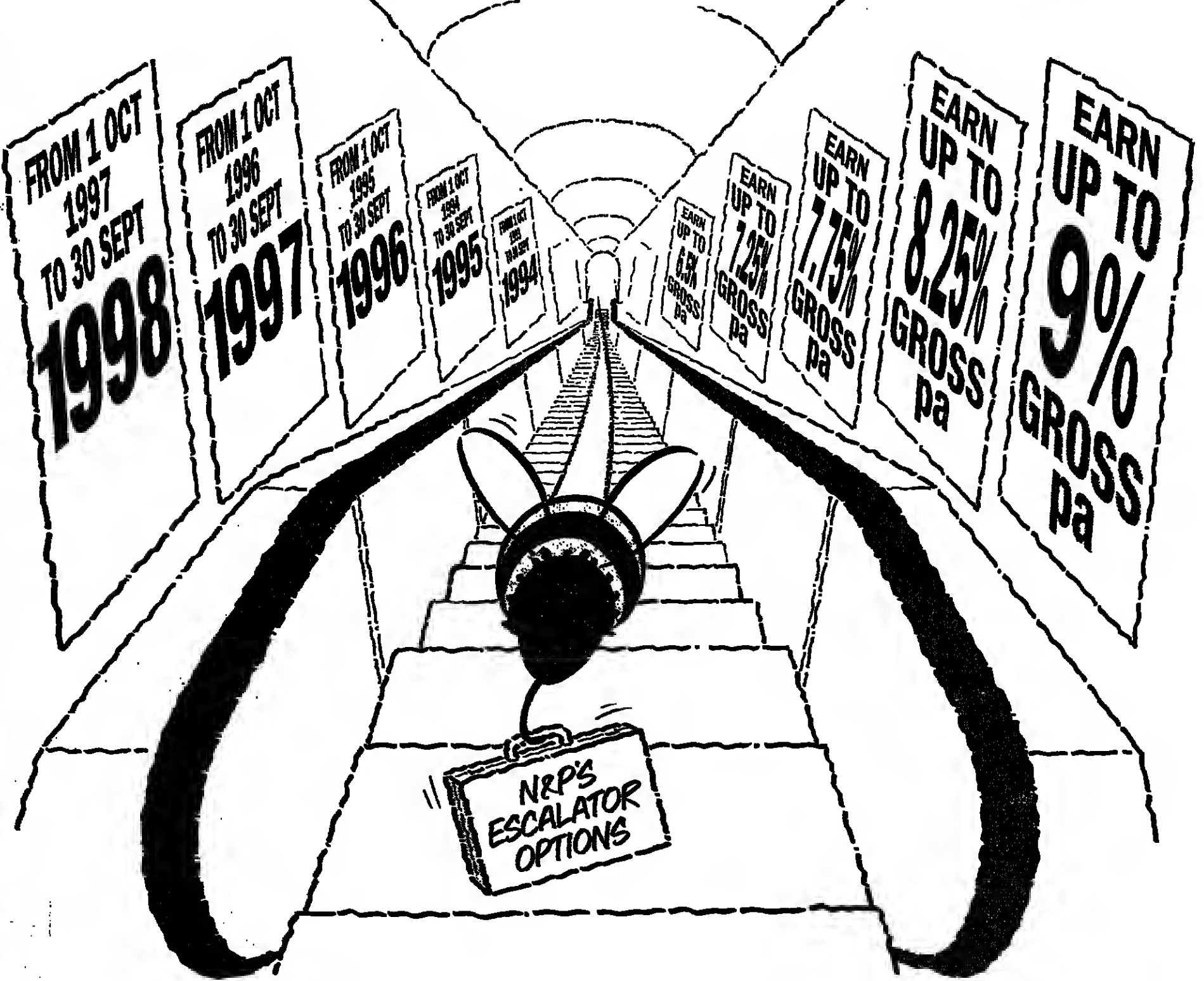
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A wad of notes does nicely when the hammer falls

Margaret Dibben concludes cash is still king when buying at auction

AN Eastbourne arcade owner recently went to an auction in Nottingham to bid for pool tables and fruit machines. He asked his bank to contact the auctioneer and agree to honour cheques to a given value above his guaranteed card limit. The bank failed to do this but he found out only after successfully bidding for £6,000 worth of equipment. He had to go home without his purchases, raise the money the next day, and drive back to Nottingham to collect them.

Paying for goods at auctions can be a problem if they are over a cheque card limit. Bankers' drafts or building society cheques cannot be arranged in advance as exact amounts are not known. There are two options: pay cash and remove goods on the day, or pay by cheque and wait four working days for it to clear before collecting.

Rose Shearwood of Kent Auto Auctions said: "It would not amaze us if someone bought a £20,000 car for cash." Buyers must pay £100 deposit and return next day to pay the balance, either in cash or with a building society cheque or banker's draft.

Nicholas Somers, a director of Aldridge of Bath, said: "There are a number of people who go around fraudulently trying to buy with stolen cheque books. If we allowed a purchaser to take an object and the cheque defaults, it is



Great bargains can be had at auctions, but paying by cheque or banker's draft is not easy.

our responsibility to pay the vendor so we never let anything go without clearance."

Lots Road Galleries in Chelsea is unusual in accepting credit and debit cards. But there is a 1.5 per cent surcharge for credit cards, plus VAT which brings the cost to 1.76 per cent. Christina English, operations manager, said: "We take anything except cheques, unless they are below the guarantee limit. People can set up a cheque arrangement in advance but that takes ten days to clear with their bank." Buyers have 24 hours

to return with the cash and the auction house takes details before they leave. Ms English says: "We like deposits, but it is not mandatory."

But on top of the bid price, many auctioneers now impose a 10-15 per cent buyers' premium and VAT on top. If the buyer fails to pick up goods in a day or so they will be charged storage, maybe £5 a day. Banks can be requested to tell the auctioneer that their customer is good for a certain sum of money, though this has limitations. Wyn Johns, manager of UK private banking in

Lloyds Bank's Mayfair office, said: "The reference can be given only with the express consent of the client and to a specific auction house."

Bankers' drafts cost about £15; special clearance about £10. Money can be sent to the auctioneer's bank account by electronic transfer that guarantees arrival. It costs about £15. The Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers publishes a free leaflet, *Buying and Selling Chattels at Auction - a Guide*, available from 3 Cadogan Gate, London SW1X 0AS.

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	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
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Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

BUILDING SOCIETIES

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

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	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
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12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

TESSA

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

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Building Societies

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Over 12 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75

BANKS

	Bank of Scotland	Bank of Ireland	Bank of Wales	Bank of England	Bank of Cyprus
Ordinary Cheque A/c	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Fixed Term Deposits:					
1 month	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
3 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
6 months	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
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Helen Pridham
on the numerous
changes affecting
investment trusts,
after a decade of
good results for
their investors

For investors wanting a stake in the stockmarket, investment trusts have many attractions. They offer a spread of risk across a varied portfolio of shares. They are low cost compared to other collective investment products and, above all, they have produced some impressive results.

Figures from the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) show that £100 invested in a general UK investment trust ten years ago would have been worth £480 by the beginning of August this year, compared with £205 had it been deposited in a building society account.

Growing awareness of investment trusts has led to a rapid increase in the level of interest among private investors. During the first-half of this year, a record £102 million has flowed into trusts through savings and investment schemes.

More than £500 million has been attracted into trust launches. The industry has a total of more than £34 billion under management in around 265 trusts. Discounts are standing at their lowest for more than 20 years.

A decade ago the situation looked very different. Few private investors knew investment trusts existed, and institutional investors were developing their expertise and trying to reduce their holdings. Unit trusts had caught up with and overtaken the investment trust industry.

The turning point came in the mid-1980s with the introduction of savings and investment schemes. They enabled private investors to buy modest amounts of investment trust shares at very low cost.

Ernest Fenton, the director general of the AITC, says: "Previously investment trust companies had not been allowed to advertise or market their shares, and investors had to go through a stockbroker if they wanted to invest."

"When savings and investment plans came along, it meant com-



Paul Manduca, chairman of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, says that investment trusts had been a well kept secret

panies no longer had to hide their light under a bushel." During the 1980s, the AITC also began an all-out campaign to explain the merits of investment trusts to the investing public.

Paul Manduca, the deputy managing director of the Henderson Group and the chairman of the AITC, says: "Until then, investment trusts had been one of the City's best-kept secrets."

Among the features the AITC stressed was the competitive fee structure of investment trusts. This is one of their greatest attractions, as investors have become more conscious of the high charges and inflexibility of other savings and investment products, including endowments and insurance bonds.

Despite recent increases, the average annual charge on investment trusts is still well below 1 per cent.

When the campaign began, share prices of investment trusts were at a large average discount of more than 20 per cent of their underlying asset val-

ues. The AITC made a virtue of this at the time, saying that investors were having a bargain because they were receiving more shares and dividends for their money than if they had bought the same assets direct.

As demand for investment trust shares increased, discounts were decreased significantly. The average discount at present stands at just 8 per cent.

This reduction of discounts helped to enhance the performance of investment trusts compared with their main rivals unit trusts, whose prices move directly in line with the value of the underlying assets.

Some observers question whether the results produced by investment trusts will look so good without this extra boost.

However, investment trust experts argue that the structure of trusts will continue to give them the edge.

Mark Jeffries, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says: "If you strip out the effect of the discount and compare the performance of the underlying assets, as we have with United Kingdom general, north American and Japanese trusts, investment trusts still come out ahead of unit trusts."

"We believe this is because investment trusts have a superior structure to unit trusts because they are closed ended. The investment managers know they have a fixed amount of capital they can invest on a long-term basis."

"They don't have to deal with the problem, which unit trust managers face, of having to invest huge inflows of money at the top of the market, which will in all likelihood flow out again

when share prices drop, and will cause them to sell good investments at poor prices."

"Another advantage of investment trusts is their ability to borrow money," Mr Jeffries says.

"If they can achieve a better return on their money than the cost of borrowing, investors' returns are enhanced. They can currently borrow long term at very low rates."

That investors have become increasingly interested in investment trusts is clear from the response to the AITC's last advertising campaign. It has received more than 70,000 requests for the information pack it has been advertising since the end of 1991.

Besides convincing private investors, the AITC has been trying to persuade more professional investment advisers that they should recommend investment trusts to their clients. In a recent survey, the association was pleased to find that around one-third of independent financial advisers will advise on investment trusts.

How to pep up share ownership

UK funds want to profit by personal equity plan savings available with foreign funds

This year for the first time the Chancellor of the Exchequer will hold his red Budget box aloft outside the door of No 11 Downing Street a few weeks before Christmas. Presentation of the annual Budget, when the government tells us how much tax we are going to pay, has been moved from mid-March to the end of November.

This will not affect the start of the tax year on April 6 but it will give everyone more time to sort out their tax affairs before the start of the fiscal year. In this transitional year, however, it allows less preparation time for organisations that want to bend the Chancellor's ear.

One of the first submissions will be from the Association of Investment Trust Companies, which wants investment trust companies to be allowed to take part in personal equity plans (PEPs) exactly as all other UK-quoted companies.

Although worth up to £6,000 worth of shares in any UK or European-quoted company can be sheltered from tax in a PEP, wherever in the world the companies make their money, investment trust shares can be used at this level only if the underlying portfolio has at least 50 per cent of its shareholdings in UK or European companies.

Fiona Monro, the association's head of publicity, comments: "There is the absurd situation that an international conglomerate based in this country with subsidiaries all over the world is qualifying up to £6,000, yet an investment trust that is investing all round the world is not. Investment trusts, not single companies, are the logical first step into the stock market, yet they are discriminated against by the very government that is encouraging wider share ownership."

One investment trust with an international portfolio is a far safer PEP investment for small shareholders than other single companies, where employees can invest £6,000 in a general company PEP, plus £3,000 in a single company PEP — all with the same organisation paying salary and pension.

The different treatment of investment trusts also means that they cannot be used at all in single company PEPs, even though an investment trust is a quoted company in exactly the same way as Marks & Spencer or British Telecom. The only difference is the nature of their businesses.

In past Budgets, the association has successfully lobbied for changes to the way investments trusts are allowed to participate in PEPs. Initially, they were excluded altogether but then they could take a quarter of the amount that other UK companies were allowed.

This involvement was increased to a half and finally they were permitted to take the full annual PEP investment, provided they qualified by having at least half their portfolio

in UK-quoted shares or European shares.

Non-qualifying investment trusts have always been severely restricted but at least a PEP containing these shares can now be topped up to the limit with qualifying shares or other company shares.

The association is also expected to ask the Chancellor for a change to the tax laws which regulate the way in which futures, options and warrants are treated within investment trusts. At present, the Taxes Act leaves room for different interpretations about whether profits from futures, options and warrants, which together are called "derivatives", should be treated as capital or income.

Investment trust companies want to use derivatives, which are comparatively safe, to counter-balance the other investments in their portfolios. But they do not know in advance whether the Inland Revenue will declare these profits as income or capital gains.

The consequences of making the wrong decision could result in the loss of their tax exemption under Section 842 of the act, which is intended to ensure that investors do not pay tax twice over on capital gains. Only investment trust companies suffer this uncertainty.

MARGARET DIBBEN



Kenneth Clarke

A BUSY TIME

Inflow of funds into investment trust savings and investment schemes

Year	Amnt (£m)	Year	Amnt (£m)
1984	0.089	1988	64.002
1985	0.871	1990	90.924
1986	2.181	1991	119.533
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		(Jan-June)	

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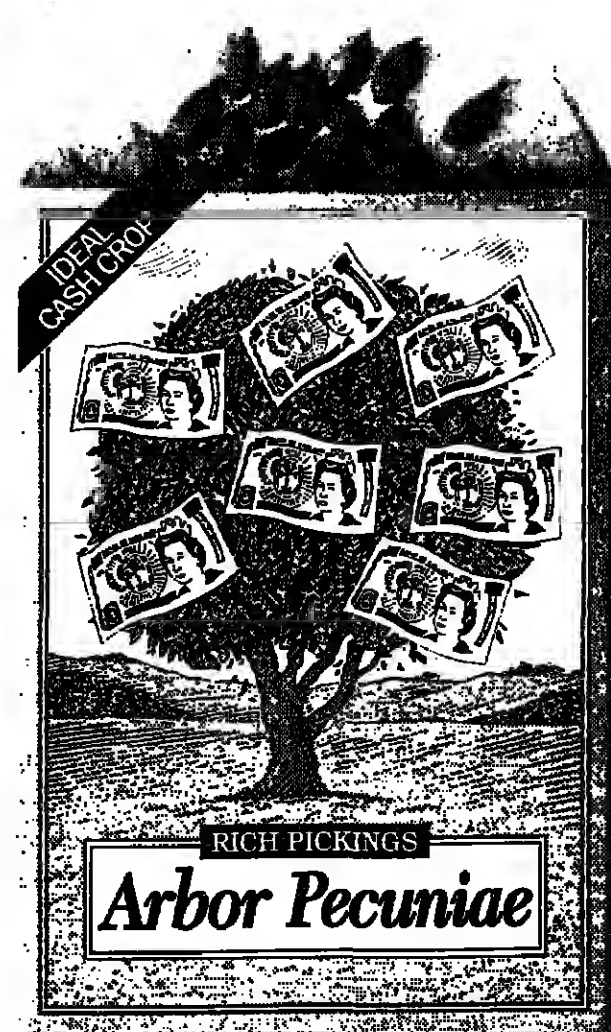
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Rapidly rising Japanese stocks are proving very popular with investment trusts

Investment trust managers are producing a regular wave of new companies throughout the year to attract new customers.

A few investment firms which have never been involved in the industry have recently discovered investment trusts. Perpetual, a unit trust group, moved into the market with a Japanese investment trust and Johnson Fry and Capital Ventures are looking to replace their existing Business Expansion Scheme work, which disappears at the end of the year.

Even during the quiet investment months of the summer, several new investment trusts came on the market, each seeking to raise millions from investors. A lot comes from financial institutions that consider specialised investment trusts an economical way to have money in areas where they do not have expertise. All the recent launches were highly specialised funds: small companies and emerging markets. Japan turned up several times.

This week, Henderson-Touche Remnant launched a Japanese Smaller Companies Investment Trust, its first investment trust move into Japan. The minimum investment is £2,000 and a savings scheme will start later. James de Sausmarez, the managing director, explained why they had identified this narrow area: "We will launch an investment trust only when we think there is a strong investment argument. We think the Japanese economy is recovering and we think smaller companies will outperform big companies."

The only other true Japanese smaller companies trust is Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon. Perpetual had a smaller company angle, but the investment policy was really for a general Japan trust. Institutions are the natural buyers for this, but anybody who is holding investment trust shares and wants to diversify their portfolio could consider buying it.

A new investment trust has to persuade investors to buy

shares, knowing there is a strong risk that the price will fall to a discount when they start trading. Unless they are very ill-informed, investors will not do this if they can buy existing shares in the same sector which already stand at a discount.

Simon Crinage, the marketing manager of Fleming, explains: "There is no point in launching a venture capital

fund when people can look at existing ones at a 30 per cent discount."

Fleming is about to launch a China trust, initially investing in a few Chinese companies but also looking at Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korean companies that derive a substantial part of their revenue and profit from China.

"China has a booming economy with huge consumer potential and a lot of foreign investment is going in," Mr Crinage says. "I will buy a few shares for myself."

Increasingly, investment trust managers are becoming more innovative in their launches. BZW is launching a company investing in second-

hand life assurance policies, while the first endowment policy investment trust, from Kleinwort Benson, will pay out after 11 years. There is a roll-up facility for investors who do not wish to take their money out until the company is wound up.

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When buying new issues, Nigel Sidebottom, the associated director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, stockbrokers and fund managers, says: "You have to be careful when applying for new issues and watch what is happening to the sector generally. They can go to a discount, but some emerging market, high income trusts and smaller companies trusts now go to a premium. You could have staggered some of those issues very effectively."

Investors can ignore new issues and look for the bargains among already quoted shares, but this is more complicated than simply choosing one with a large discount, because the discounts can change very quickly.

Mark Flander, the manager of Capel-Cure's investment trust selection service, explains: "It is difficult for small investors to find the bargains unless they have access to some half-decent research or a friendly broker who will do it for them. You can think you have found a bargain but find that the trust is on a discount for a very good reason."

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Solving a Chinese puzzle

Jill Insley on the riches and risks awaiting investors in new markets in expanding Far East economies

In the last couple of years, "exotic" stockmarkets, like those of Mexico and Turkey, have shown the enormous potential of emerging economies. Now fund managers are looking to China to become the world's next powerhouse economy.

At the end of this month, Flemings Investment Trust Management is planning to launch a trust investing in the China region. The fund will be managed by Stephen Luk, of Jardine Fleming. Flemings Hong Kong-based sister company, Mr Luk is confident that steps taken by the Chinese government to strengthen its economy, together with liberalised foreign trade, extensive natural resources and a growth in gross domestic product of 12.8 per cent in 1992, will produce good returns on investment in China and any nearby country.

Although the Chinese have shown enthusiasm for investment, its domestic markets in Shanghai and Shenzhen are still very small, with only 30 companies listed. Flemings will initially invest a large proportion in Hong Kong and other Far East markets, which can also expect to benefit from China's growth.

The present plan envisages that Fleming Chinese will invest 60 per cent in Hong Kong, 10 per cent in Taiwan, 10 per cent in South Korea, and 10 per cent in each of the Shanghai and Shenzhen stockmarkets.

Other fund managers agree that China could be a good long-term investment. Bruce Seton, a director of Gartmore's Far East desk, has invested 3 per cent of his fund in China. He says: "If you've got the balls to ride any short term movements, I think if you get set in China now, it's going to be a good thing."

Robbie Robertson, a trust analyst for NatWest Securities, says: "If you want to salt something away for ten years, then in 2003 you might be very sorry not to have put something in this area."

Jane Hakham, a manager of the Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust, is also positive about the pros-

pects for China over the next five to 15 years. But she is concerned that there is still no proper structure for running the economy, that the country's own stockmarkets only offer a choice of 30 different stocks, and that a well-regulated method of investment still has to be developed. The trust's recent strategy has been to sell China stock and reinvest in Latin America. Ms Hakham says: "We haven't found any satisfactory method of investing there. Shenzhen is like the Wild West."

Investment in emerging markets is not for the faint-hearted or those who cannot afford to lose their money. The performance of investment trusts which invest in the stock market of just one country can be particularly volatile as there is no limit to the damage that a military coup, disaster or civil war can do.

'Shenzhen is like the Wild West. We have not found a way to deal there'

By their very nature, emerging stockmarkets are small and illiquid. Foreign investors trying to invest large amounts of money can cause large increases in share prices. But prices can tumble just as quickly. Some investment trusts have attempted to reduce the risk by investing in the emerging markets of a particular region, such as Flemings' proposed China Trust.

However, this strategy still leaves the investor exposed to some volatility—if one market within the chosen region suffers a serious fall, the others are likely to be affected as well.

The safest way to put money into emerging markets is by diversifying investment through several regions. As Ms Hakham points out, there is hardly any correlation between, for instance, what the Peruvian and Bangladeshi markets do on the same day. Beta GEM is invested in six regions and 22 countries, including Vietnam, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ecuador.

Kleinwort Benson invests no more than 10 per cent of its £28 million Emerging Markets Trust in any one market. If a market has risen more than 50 per cent in the preceding year, the trust's investment



The Great Wall of China, breached by western investors

will be limited to 7.5 per cent. If a market has fallen by 50 per cent in the preceding year, investment will be reduced to 2.5 per cent.

Matthew Kinkead, a private client salesman with Oliff and Partners, follows fund performance on behalf of his clients. He says: "I like the trust's lower risk profile and limited exposure to the markets. The trust manager's statistical methods of getting in and out of markets seem very logical. There's one problem—it's trading at a premium."

Professional investors are fully aware of the potentially enormous returns available from emerging markets. This is reflected in the share prices of many of the investment trusts, which are at a premium to their underlying net asset value. In other words, investors have to pay (say) 105p for every 100p of assets. This is hard to swallow when one is already taking significant risks by making the investment in the first place.

Mr Kinkead says: "It's really very limited at the moment. Everything in the trust sector is looking quite expensive. Let's hope there's not a swing

back to big discounts. If the markets have a shake-out and normal discounts return, some investors may be disappointed."

Benefit from trusts advice

There are good reasons for using portfolio management expertise

One of the main reasons to buy investment-trust shares is for the spread of investments they give over a large number of companies. Anyone who does not have the knowledge, or perhaps the time, to buy individual shares, can put their money into a balanced portfolio by taking one investment decision.

It therefore seems excessive to pay someone else to pick the investment trusts for you, yet that is exactly what portfolio management services offer.

A number of private-client stockbrokers, and a few of the large firms of independent financial advisers, will advise you, for a fee, on which investment trusts to buy.

Nigel Sidebottom, associate director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, explains: "Each layer of management can add value. With investment trusts, you are not only making money from the asset performance, but from the movement in the discount or premium as well. Virtually every portfolio I run has outperformed the investment-trust index over the last couple of years. That is the proof of the pudding."

James de Saumarez, managing director of Henderson Touche Renmant, says: "The big problem as a private investor is that you want to go into the specialist areas to get the big returns, but the difficulty is knowing when to go in and when to come out. With a portfolio management service you get the professional's view, which should enable you to outperform the general trusts."

Mark Flander, manager of Capel-Cure's investment trust selection service, says: "We have access to up-to-the-minute information on trusts."

We can meet the management groups regularly and hear about changes in their policy and portfolios."

The case for taking advice is becoming stronger each year as increasing numbers of investment trust companies are launched. The newer trusts always specialise in particular areas as it is difficult for a new fund to compete with the existing, and successful, large general funds.

This makes the choice more confusing for the investor. You can be reasonably confident of picking a steady performer if you choose one of the solid general international and UK trusts such as Foreign & Colonial, TR City of London, or Fleming Claverhouse; but with anything more specialised you could make a serious mistake.

Portfolio management services are discretionary, which means you simply hand over your money and the broker makes the buying and selling decisions for you.

At the outset, you say whether you want income from your investments or capital growth, or a combination of the two. Some management services have near-identical portfolios for all their clients in the same category. Others devise portfolios for each customer.

You will pay 3 or 4 per cent to set up the portfolio, 1 per cent of its value every year and about 1.5 per cent dealing commission each time the manager buys shares. There will probably be a minimum dealing charge. Make sure the manager only buys shares to a value which uses the minimum-fee cost effectively.

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Split-capital trusts look for better times

Jill Insley explains a system that benefits income and capital-growth seekers but has proved recession-prone

Split-capital investment trusts allow investors to choose shares to match their investment objectives.

At their simplest split trusts, or "splits", offer income shares paying a relatively high yield and capital shares which hold out the prospect of substantial growth.

Investment trust managers have launched many new split trusts in recent years, most of them including a third class of stock — zero-dividend preference shares. As its name suggests, the zero pays no dividend but its capital value rises by a predetermined amount during the life of the trust.

Other variants include stepped preference shares which have a fixed redemption value but provide dividends which rise at a predetermined rate; and highly geared ordinary shares which provide high income and entitlement to any assets after the zeros have been paid up.

Some trusts also include warrants. These are usually sold at a much lower cost than shares, or included as part of a package, and allow the holder

to buy shares at a predetermined price by a set date. Warrants do not receive dividends or hold voting rights and after the set date they become worthless. The warrant holder is not obliged to buy the trust's shares, but can sell the warrants before the set date.

Split trusts have a limited life, often of seven or ten years. At winding up, the different classes of shares have varying claims to the trust's assets.

Zeros have first claim on the assets and therefore carry less risk than other types of share. Income shareholders usually then receive their original investment back, while capital and highly geared ordinary shareholders are last in line, receiving the remaining assets.

Split trusts were developed to benefit both income and capital-growth seekers by investing in high-yielding shares which improved in share price.

When the trusts regained popularity in the 1980s, stock markets were strong with shares providing good capital growth and generous dividends. Trust managers found it relatively easy to meet the objectives.

However, during the recession the high-yielding end of the stock market has not performed according to plan. Share prices have dropped and dividends have been cut. Fund managers have found it increasingly difficult to meet their income objectives.

This forced them to invest increasing proportions in higher risk shares, thus threatening returns to capital shares.

Analysts became worried that a conflict would develop between the interests of capital and income investors, with capital investors coming off worse.

As the economy emerges from recession, dividends should start to improve once

more. At the same time, shares which have been paying a high yield because of their depressed share price may recover sharply in value as their prospects improve.

Robbie Robertson, trust analyst for NatWest Securities, says: "The capital performance of shares which started off on high yields has been quite good."

Despite this, he believes the investment portfolios of some split-capital trusts are too heavily weighted towards high-yielding shares.

Some trusts have made a switch in investment strategy to balance the situation. General Consolidated Investment Trust has switched from shares yielding 7.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, compared with the average FTA All Share of 4.5 per cent.

Several trusts, including Save & Prosper Linked, Garmore Scotland, Scottish National and Contra-Cyclical, have been forced to cut dividends paid to income shareholders.

Michael Reeder, Contra-Cyclical's manager, says: "The areas that we were investing in were vulnerable to dividend cuts because of the recession."

Contra-Cyclical, as its name implies, invests against the current market trends. For example, the trust had invested quite heavily in British Aerospace which over the last year has been doing very well. Mr Reeder says: "Contra-cyclically, this has run its course. We will switch the money back into areas that a year ago were performing very well."

The trust cut dividends to income shareholders in March, after two good years. Mr Reeder says: "There was no way the board felt that was sustainable without disadvantaging the capital shareholders. It would have distorted the portfolio."

"The capital shareholders are having a good run now, and the income shareholders will come through at the end of the day."

There is growing interest in a cheap, competitive service that is putting shares to greater use



A shareholder makes his point during Fleming's annual meeting

Range of benefits in share swaps

Investment trust managers report a growing interest in their share-exchange schemes, particularly from people who have acquired shares through privatisations and are unsure what to do next. These schemes offer a cheap, convenient way for investors to trade in their shares and gain the advantages of investment trusts.

Share-exchange services are currently offered by at least 12 investment-trust groups. One of the first to offer was Fleming, in the mid-1980s, and so popular has the idea proved that it has exchanged more than £3.6 million shares in the past 12 months.

The minimum investment through a share-exchange scheme ranges from £20 to £3,000 but you can normally top up with cash if your shareholding falls short. Foreign & Colonial and Alliance set no minimum at all. Besides shares, a number of groups sell gilts through their exchange schemes.

Charges vary considerably. Some companies have one charge to cover both the sale of the shares and purchase of the investment trust holding; others have two sets of charges. Sometimes it is a flat fee, or it can vary with the size of your shareholding. But the cost is normally modest if compared with stockbrokers' commission.

Fleming will sell any quoted shares for a flat fee of £12.50 each. The fee is the same whatever the size of the holding. It also applies if two or more people in a family combine to exchange their shares. The proceeds are then invested in any one of the company's 15 investment trusts.

In addition, Fleming also operates a Share of the Month offer, when the fee is reduced to £7.50. Past shares have

included companies such as BP and Abbey National. However, this month, there is a special deal for all FT shareholders, giving them the opportunity to sell their shares free of charge and reinvest the proceeds in one of Fleming's investment trusts.

Foreign & Colonial introduced a share-exchange scheme only in March this year. The minimum charge is £20 on share sales up to £1,333. The company's Jeremy Tighe explains: "So many people were asking if we had a scheme that we decided to set one up in

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HELEN PRIDHAM

Advisers must explain the true costs

Investors need to examine the arithmetic of what are sometimes misleading claims on charges and profits

Five years ago, the Association of Investment Trust Companies initiated a major campaign to promote investment trusts to private investors. It has been hugely successful and investment advisers have become accustomed to a level of interest and, indeed, a demand previously unknown.

The most common question is "should I be looking at investment trusts?" If an independent adviser is doing the job properly there must be an honest response and this means confronting the misleading claims often made by those with a direct interest in selling investment-trust shares.

Time and again, it is suggested that investment trusts involve lower charges than those arising from unit-trust investment. This should be

examined closely. On average, stockbrokers now charge commission of about 1.8 per cent for small to medium-size deals. To this must be added stamp duty of 0.5 per cent; and then there is the market-makers' spread. This varies widely, but 12 per cent is typical. Therefore, the purchase cost is unlikely to be less than 3.5 per cent.

At this stage the advocate of investment trusts will point to unit-trust initial charges that are rarely less than 5.25 per cent, and say: "Case proved."

The problem is that the investor has heard only half the story, because having got in he must then get out. The unit-trust holder simply sells

his units back to the fund managers at no cost whatsoever. However, the investment trust investor must again pay commission of 1.8 per cent, creating a total "in-and-out" cost of not less than 5.3 per cent. So where is the great cost advantage?

If the investment-trust holder has chosen wisely and doubles his money, then the exit cost will also double. He is then looking at total costs of more than 7 per cent and it is no good arguing that he will be happy to pay the extra from his profits. The unit-trust holder still gets out for nothing.

Then there is the thorny question of annual charges. Unit trust managers impose a fairly high charge for their services and then bear their own corporate running costs: typical figures are 1.25 per cent to 1.75 per cent. The different structure of an investment trust allows the manager to charge a fee in addition to which the trust bears other administrative costs and directors' fees.

The total annual cost to shareholders will rarely be less than 0.5 per cent, is typically 0.9 per cent, and in some cases, exceeds 2.5 per cent. On balance, unit-trust investors may pay slightly more per year for management expertise, but the differences are not enough to justify the claims often made.

Having explained the cost realities of collective investment, the independent adviser should then explore more complex areas. Does the investor understand the "double whammy" effect, which arises from holding shares in a company that holds shares?

Does he fully appreciate that this effect, which can accelerate growth in a rising market, can also accelerate losses when markets start to fall?

However, if he neither understands the "double-whammy", nor appreciates the effect it can have, he should, perhaps, look elsewhere for the solution to his requirements.

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Classic generation fails to measure up

Richard Evans, racing correspondent, finds that three-year-olds have an unenviable record so far this term against their seniors

The classic generation of horses trained in Britain this season is the worst for more than 20 years — and arguably the most disappointing since the war.

The paucity of talent among the domestic three-year-old crop is reflected in a detailed analysis by *The Times* of the performance of the classic generation against older horses in top races in England and France this summer.

In all-aged group one races, the true test of the comparative merits of different generations, not one British-trained three-year-old has beaten older horses this summer. Thirty

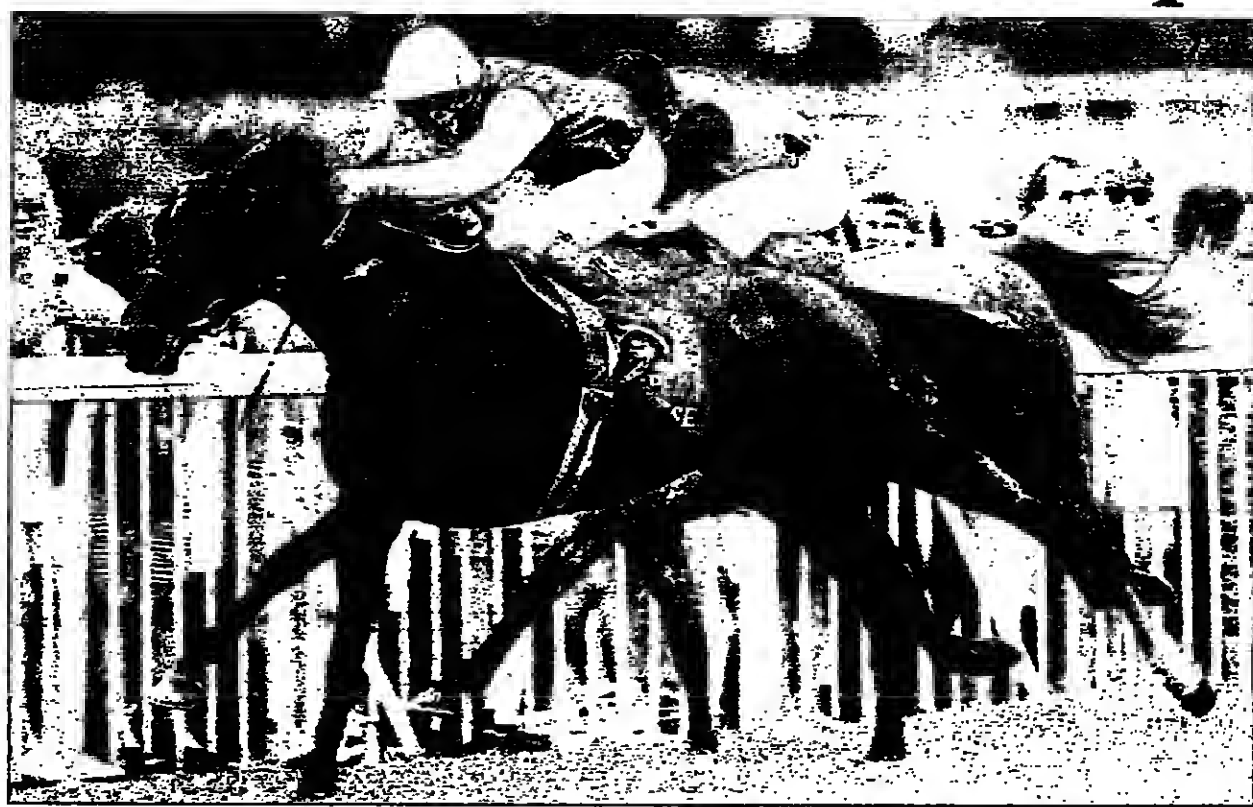
provide the smallest number of British three-year-olds allocated a rating of 120 or above by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) handicappers. Only five have so far been given the mark which group one winners are expected to achieve. The five are White Muzzle and Commander in Chief, who share top spot of 121, Catrail, Barathean and Tenby.

In the last decade the number of British three-year-olds who achieved a rating of 120 or higher was: 1992 (11), 1991 (11), 1990 (17), 1989 (16), 1988 (18), 1987 (21), 1986 (21), 1985 (15), 1984 (21).

The dismal performance of our three-year-olds is also reflected in the outcome of group two races fought out between British three-year-olds and older horses this year.

Only four have been won by the younger brigade. Placerville was successful in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. Lord Carnarvon's Surprise Offic saw off Monde Bleu and Lochsong in the Prix du Gros-Chêne at Chantilly in May. Lyphard's Delta landed the Nassau Stakes, and perhaps most interesting of all given today's St Leger, Azilufi beat four older horses, including the subsequent Doncaster Cup winner, Assessor, when taking the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury.

Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior BHB handicapper, agrees the domestic three-year-olds have been below par. "Yes, it is immensely disappointing and we are concerned about it. It is difficult to put your finger on



Improving Opera House has enjoyed a profitable campaign against the younger brigade

the reason why. Last year's two-year-olds did not look anything outstanding, with the exception of Zedonic.

The one horse to produce a genuine championship performance was Zafonic when winning the 2,000 Guineas in

record time. He was trained in France by Andre Fabre until his enforced retirement — and that is a clue to one of the reasons for the bad showing by British three-year-olds.

Leading owners, including Khaled Abdulla and Shaikh Mohammed, decided two years ago to send more good yearlings to Ireland and France, where prize-money is higher and training fees tend to be lower. The full effect of that switch, and the resulting dilution of quality thoroughbreds in British yards, has been felt this summer.

The bulk of all-aged group one races in France are still to be run, but the Elie Lefebvre-trained Bigstone captured the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood and, interestingly, French-trained three-year-olds have been winning their fair share of domestic group two races open to older horses.

However, the main reason for 1993 being a flat season to

forget is almost certainly the recession-linked collapse of the bloodstock market and the fall in stallion fees. The policy of automatically packing off three-year-olds to stud and more horses have raced at four and five.

Opera House, whose classic contemporaries were the likes of Generous, Suave Dancer, and Selkirk, is the best example. He has undoubtedly improved this year to win the Eclipse Stakes, Coronation Cup and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes — but there can be no doubt he has been taking on the weakest three-year-old opposition for a long time. (Research by Jack Waterman.)

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Nap: STIMULANT (2.30 Doncaster)
Next best: Azilufi (3.05 Doncaster)

have tried: all have lost. Sayedati, Clive Britain's 1,000 Guineas winner, did win the all-aged group one Jacques Le Marois at Deauville last month, but no older horse ran in the race.

The failure of domestic three-year-olds to record a single success against older horses at the highest level of racing is unique in the history of the Pattern, which was established in 1971 with the intention of providing a standard by which the best horses of each generation could be identified.

Although there are still 14 European group one races to be run, this summer likely to

Unblest stakes Guineas claim

UNBLEST earned a 201-point quote for next season's 2,000 Guineas after ending State Performer's unbeaten record to win the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

Trained by James Fanshawe, Unblest quickened de-

cisively inside the final 100 yards to beat Peter Chapple-Hyam's even-money favourite by three-quarters of a length. He will probably run next in the Dewhurst Stakes.

"He's got a very good turn of foot but hopefully he will stay a mile as he is so laid back," Fanshawe said.

Armiger can make handsome amends

DONCASTER

2.00: Show Faith has climbed the handicap since winning at Royal Ascot, but he goes well in testing ground. He had Pay Homage and Cumbrian Challenge well behind when just falling at Goodwood last time. Royal Season has claims but Lacotte faces a stiffer task following his Chester win.

2.30: Great Deeds holds Imperial Bailiwick on Royal Ascot form, but it may be wiser siding with Ya Malak in spite of his ten-week absence. He had Great Deeds in third when just touched off by Elruda at Sandown.

3.05: Doubts about Bob's Re-



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

turn's stamina will not be helped by the ground, while Silverdale, who relishes the mud, may be better over further. Azilufi's class looks solid, but Armiger stands out on his early-season form. He was probably not ready when

disappointing at York, and can make handsome amends. 3.40: Jazilufi, impressive at Sandown last time, has been raised 8lb as a result and may prefer faster ground, so Juhraan looks a safer alternative. Mark Johnson's gelding, who goes well in the soft, stays further than his 10½ furlongs, which will be a big asset in these testing conditions.

GOODWOOD

2.15: Alkhafji ran away with a Salisbury maiden and has potential, but Azhar has good form in better-class races. His defeat of Baron Ferdinand, when giving 3lb at Salisbury, reads particularly well.

JULIAN MUSCAT

2.45: Ferryman looks reasonably treated for his nursery debut. He was always in command at Lingfield and will stay this extra furlong. Desian looks quite harshly treated, but Down D Islands improved at Salisbury last time. Armdilly is another with claims.

3.20: This trappy handicap can fall to Cherianefarag, who reverts to a more suitable trip after racing over a mile last time. Before that, she just failed to catch Heaven-Light-Grey at Goodwood. Palacegate Touch has done most of his winning in lesser company.

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Saturday portrait: Dudley Wood, by Andrew Longmore

Rugby's leading man keeping balance on a moral tightrope

For a man who has spent most of the last seven years performing a death-defying stunt on the moral high wire, Dudley Wood still has his feet planted firmly on the ground. Today, he will start his eighth season as the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), scourge of the professional and defender of the amateur faith. If he has a free afternoon, he will spend it at Bedford, one of his old clubs, in the hope of finding his cherished idyll of sport as social recreation — a good clean game followed by a pint with old friends, pure and untainted.

In some opinion, emanating mostly from the England dressing-room, Wood lies somewhere between Genghis Khan and Ronald Reagan on the scale of revolutionary thinkers: a man committed heart and soul to the task of slapping preservation orders on a game ripe for demolition. At best, the players regard their senior administrator as an ideal extra for *Jurassic Park*; at worst, as a hypocrite, happy to announce a sponsorship deal for £1 million on one day and to deny the best players in the land the right to reap the rewards for their excellence on the next.

The friction between the forces of commercialism represented by the slick and marketable figure of Will Carling, the England captain, and of tradition embodied by the tall, grey-haired Wood has led to a series of skirmishes, though not as yet, to open warfare.

As the league season opens, with the All Blacks, those arch-professionals, on the horizon, there is an uneasy truce. But the swifts with which seven senior English players leapt into print recently to condemn Wood for some remarks allegedly made to an informal gathering of sports editors and reported in a tabloid newspaper suggest that the truce remains as deep as ever. Wood and Carling had a working breakfast together earlier this week to set the record straight. At least, the England captain is still talking to the RFU secretary. Some of his England colleagues refuse to do even that. There are a number of ironies in all this. The first is that, after

spending 30 years in the sales and marketing division of ICI, Wood could make more money for the England team than all the agents put together, if he put his mind to it. Behind the slightly ruffled, harassed, almost schoolmasterly air lies a sharp commercial brain, which is applied to generating income for The Game, not to filling the pockets or boots of individual players. "It is not my job or the job of the RFU to make money for the England players," he says simply.

The second irony is that Wood himself has played a large part in releasing the genie of professionalism into English rugby. When he took over as secretary from Air Commodore Bob Weighill in 1989, the RFU was so much of a backwater that the telephone

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number was ex-directory, ticket applications for internationals were written down on a large piece of paper, and employees were called by their surnames in time-honoured public school fashion. Rugby was heading for oblivion. League was a dirty word associated with grubby barbarians from the north and the idea of a youth policy was to circulate a few well-chosen schools to get nominations for representative trials.

Wood and his committee have changed all that and set in place a broader, more competitive structure which has been the necessary precursor to the unprecedented success of the national side.

From being a bunch of amateurs playing like amateurs, the England side has been transformed into a team of amateurs training, preparing and playing like professionals. The standard of rugby at the top level has risen dramatically over the past five years. But each

resounding triumph has heightened the cult of the personality, which Wood calls the "downside of success", sharpened the calls for financial rewards and, as other unions have adopted a more liberal interpretation of the obscure rulings of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), made the intransigence of the RFU in general and Wood in particular seem increasingly out of step with the modern age.

It might have been more acceptable had not the cranes above the national stadium at Twickenham, completing a £50 million redevelopment programme, advertised the wholehearted embrace of the commercial ethic by the RFU itself. The work is visible from the windows of the secretary's office and will be regarded in years to come as a monument to his stewardship of the game.

Like it or not, Wood has become the symbol of an old order. It is a role he accepts with relish and performs with honesty and commitment, though "dinosaur" and "buffer" are two of the kinder labels hung on him for his troubles. The essence of his philosophy, fashioned by his own playing days as a No 8 at Oxford University, Bedford, Waterloo and Rosslyn Park, among other clubs, is that rugby's character can be found in the bar as much as on the field, and that its beauty and strength lies in the diversity of spirit and openness of mind only true amateurism can foster.

Nobody in rugby has to make the choice between earning a living and enjoying a recreation. You can do both, though even Wood admits that, for international players, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the balance.

As soon as money enters the equation, Wood argues, values change. For the worse. Sport becomes business, sponsors and television companies gain more control and the game is fragmented. Rugby could sustain professionalism in the crazy way cricket does, but what would be the damage to the game's soul?

Pleasure, pride, enjoyment, patriotism are the principles with which Wood defends his position and there is a devastating



truth to the argument which a brief glimpse of the warped priorities of professional football does little to undermine. Wood argues his case logically, but with the passion only an instinctive amateur could muster. He denies that professionalism in sport is a bad thing in principle, but he does so without conviction.

He is a witty and accomplished after-dinner speaker and sacrifices roughly 60 evenings a year to visit clubs, which he sees as much a

part of his job as cajoling his committee or persuading sponsors that their investment brings no rights. He is popular with the rank and file, has a strong streak of common sense and a good eye for detail. Above all, in this age of expediency, he has a vision, still intact after all these years and no less precious for being conjured from the past, not the future.

Wood has two years left before he can retire peacefully to his home in East Anglia and leave

someone else to guard rugby's treasure chest against the attacks of the professional pirates. He will leave the game in a healthier state than he found it, with more clubs in membership of the RFU, more people playing the game than ever before, an England team at last fulfilling its potential and violence on the field curbed if not eradicated. There is plenty of work to be done before then. Even at the age of 63, Wood has no intention of falling off the tightrope just yet.

Game must give value for money rolling in

THE beginning of this season has been littered with announcements of this or that sponsorship for rugby union, and the fashionable propaganda says that this clearly means the game is in good heart. Well, up to a point, anyway.

If business believes, in times of economic hardship, that rugby can be good for its product, then rugby can find many ways of putting sponsorship money to good use. But rugby's own "product" — the game itself — must demonstrate its sustained attraction on the field, starting today when the Courage Clubs Championship begins in England and the McEwan's League in Scotland.

Players and coaches have had a season to adjust to the requirements of the laws that caused so much heartache during 1992-3. "What was required as much as anything was a positive attitude to the

changes," Glenn Ross, Northampton's coach, said. "You have to accept what has to be done, get on and do it."

There speaks the pragmatic voice of New Zealand. But the buzz word throughout the Courage league in this first season of home-and-away fixtures is "squad." You do not need to be Archimedes (or even Brian Moore) to appreciate that the club that uses its playing resources most sympathetically is likely to be successful.

"International players might have to say to their clubs 'I don't want to play this week' because it's not possible to go full time for eight months," Moore, the England and Harlequins hooker, said.

"The new home-and-away system is great for the ordinary club player, but England players must be allowed the right to stand down occasionally from the club team with the sympathetic understand-



David Hands, previewing the new league season, says Bath must be strong favourites to keep their title

ing of the supporter." So the club with the greatest depth will win the league? There is every prospect of that, but the clubs who will be there at the death will be those with the best decision-makers, and there are not many of them around.

Running through the English first division, for example, takes you through Stuart Barnes, at Bath, and Rob Andrew, at Wasps, both of whom will be on England duty. Then who? Two No 8s, perhaps. Dean Richards, at Leicester, and Tim Rodber at Northampton, and the sprightly young Kyran Bracken at Bristol.

There is an important role for Will Carling to play at

Harlequins, should he be convinced that the club's priorities are as important at one level as his England position is at another.

If you seek a champion then it is hard to look past Bath, who travel the short step to Bristol today without their injured Lion, Jeremy Guscott. They have the all-round strength, they have a clutch of developing players such as Mike Carter (who replaces Guscott) and John Malkin, and they have Barnes, the stand-off half with the twinkling brain and boots.

Bath themselves believe the greatest threat to their three-year grip on the title will come from Leicester who, in Tony Russ, have a director of

coaching who, like Ross, urges acceptance of the contentious rock-maul law. Dark horses? Northampton must be one. They lost their way in the second half of last season, became bogged down in a static game and began to miss their goal kicks.

Now they have Paul Grayson at stand-off, who is one of the better kickers around, and John Steele as back-up. Steele and Rob Macnaughton will be stabilising influences in a young but infinitely exciting back division which will not feature Ian Hunter against Leicester today but has been prepared by him.

Ross uses Hunter, the England (and all too briefly Lions) right wing, as one of his talking heads during coaching nights and the player himself hopes to return in a fortnight, against London Irish, after recovering from the shoulder injury he sustained in New Zealand.

The first division's only newcomers, Newcastle Gosforth, begin against Orrell, a trans-Pennine confrontation that will concentrate minds. They will miss Steve Bainbridge, the former England lock who is said to have "irreconcilable differences" with the club.

In his absence, Fergus Mitchell will join that venerable north-east institution, Terry Roberts, in the second row. In Wales they have already been at it hammer and tongs (in the Heineken League, not the Welsh Rugby Union) since day one, with Cardiff cutting an initial dash. Today, too, such as London Welsh and Wade Dooley's Preston Grasshoppers mingle with Alton and York in the extended first round of the Pilkington Cup.

So many sponsors, so much cash. It is to be hoped that there is the skill and entertainment to match.

Gala face tough test from Melrose

By ALAN LORIMER

THE Scottish national league begins its 21st season today with a showpiece confrontation between two of its best teams, but in the shadow of doubts about the future viability of its present format.

It is likely that, as Scottish rugby attempts to raise its standard by playing more representative games, the championship will have to accommodate more fixtures by streamlining the top two divisions in much the same way as has happened south of the border.

If such a "premier" division were to emerge, it would contain both Melrose and Gala, whose meeting today at the Greenyards is likely to give the first round of the championship an exciting, highly competitive start.

Melrose, champions for the past two seasons, now provide the benchmark against which other aspirants must measure themselves. Quite apart from Craig Chalmers at stand-off half, the Melrose back line has talented players in Graham Shiell at inside centre, Bryan Rodpath, who emerged as a skilful scrum half on Scotland's tour of the Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa, and Gary Parker on the wing.

Melrose will seek to turn the screw up front: Daddie Weir, Carl Hogg, Rob Brown and Euan Simpson form a quartet of lineout jumpers against which Gala will struggle to compete. Gala, however, have a strong front row in Hamish Hunter, Ian Corcoran and Gary Isaac; a Scotland replacement last season; and behind the scrum lies a paltry backline marshalled by Gregor Townsend at stand-off half.

After their win over Saracens last week, Gala will go into this game with confidence. It may count for little against a Melrose team going for a hat-trick of league titles.

Compiled by David Hands

Rovers and Halifax model new fashion

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BRADFORD Northern and Leeds are likely to spearhead the challenge from east of the Pennines for the Stones Bitter rugby league championship. Less fashionable but no less deserving of honours are Halifax and Featherstone Rovers, who meet tomorrow at Thrum Hall.

The clubs are models of the new professionalism insisted upon by the Rugby Football League (RFL), investing judiciously in new players, getting their marketing act together and attracting increased crowds. Both have made encouraging starts.

Within the two communities, there is an upbeat mood of anticipation. Halifax, the last club to interrupt the Wigan-Widnes domination of the league in 1986, possess the rare advantage in the game of having money to spend. They have bought wisely in John Schuster, the former All Black scrum half, who has made an early scoring impact, and the two Australian forwards, David Boyd and Michael Hagan, also from Newcastle Knights.

The fact that Michael Jackson and Steve Hampson, two former Great Britain players, have not been able to make their debuts for Halifax because of injury is a problem. Featherstone are familiar with Andy Currier arrived from Widnes for a club record £150,000, but the international centre may now miss the entire season after suffering a cruciate knee ligament injury. Featherstone plugged the gap this week by signing the talented centre, Matt Calland, from Rochdale Hornets.

Injury and suspensions to seven players makes St Helens' task that much harder at Warrington, for whom the Australian prop, Craig Teitel, will make his first appearance.

The RFL disciplinary committee has suspended four players, Carl Partington, of Rochdale, David Croft and Mark Ellis, of Hunslet, and Sonny Whakarau, of Doncaster, in a further clamp-down against violence on the field.

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE COURAGE FIRST DIVISION

BATH
1992-3 position: first
Coach: J. Howell
Predicted position: first
A hard to kick team and Bath for the 1993 season, given the depth of their squad and their proven attacking talent, is a team that will use their squad players to great effect. They will be a team that will use their squad players to great effect.

LEICESTER
1992-3: third
Captain: D. Richards
Coach: S. Smith
Predicted position: second
Leicester's victory in the Pilkington Cup last season, achieved with an inexperienced front-line, suggests that they may be the team to watch during the 1993-4. They may yet add to their consistency at forward to take the title away from Bath and there were rumours of a move to the Midlands.

HARLEQUINS
1992-3: eighth
Captain: A. Smith
Coach: A. K. and R. Templeton
Predicted position: fourth
Notorious under-achievers in the league to whom James Salmon, as director of rugby, should bring a certain hard-headed realism. As high a position as fourth may hinge on the good health of Piers, both for his field play and his goal-kicking. If Oaker is regularly available, it will strengthen resources at lock and the contest at open-side flanker.

WASPS
1992-3: second
Captain: D. Ryan
Coach: R. Smith
Predicted position: third
Near, always the bridesmaid, only once in 1990 the bride. Wasps patterned last season's unexpected way of losing league points at a vital stage but, if they can overcome this habit, they could do better than third. Once Hadley becomes available, they will be able to field a strong second row, but their ability to score the points their talent suggests they should be watching. Old habits at half-back, Andrew and Bates, will have to be reined in on occasions that may leave the goal-kicking looking thin. As James last season their margins of victory were by four points or less.

NORTHAMPTON
1992-3: fourth
Captain: J. Grayson
Coach: G. Ross
Predicted position: fourth
Northampton's 1992-3 season was neither close to the same after the suggestion by Leicester and now they have changed on one of the last. Same coaches, the same as Leicester, but they showed at the end of last season they can play effective and attractive rugby. Greater consistency in goal-kicking is required.

LONDON IRISH
1992-3: seventh
Captain: M. Reid and L. Smith
Coach: M. Reid and L. Smith
Predicted position: seventh
Where the Irish are concerned, prediction is brought with danger but, having survived last season, they should be able to do better. If Ireland and Ireland are to be a success, they must be able to do better. If Ireland and Ireland are to be a success, they must be able to do better.

GLOUCESTER
1992-3: fifth
Captain: S. Smith
Coach: K. Richardson
Predicted position: sixth
Last season's flirtation with relegation was a shock to Gloucester, but they showed at the end of last season they can play effective and attractive rugby. Greater consistency in goal-kicking is required.

BRISTOL
1992-3: sixth
Captain: D. Eves
Coach: D. Eves and P. Johnson
Predicted position: eighth
Whether Bristol stand or fall may hinge upon the form of Bristol at scrum half. A club of Bristol's standing should not be in such a position, but they continue to suffer from on-the-pitch disruption and the latest ability in a strong rugby-playing area has not been effectively harnessed. Bristol may grow the reputation that the hard-working Eves needs to make his side tick and Gloucester should win them vital input.

NEWCASTLE GOSFORTH
1992-3: promoted as winners of second division
Captain: N. Frankland
Coach: S. Gurnard
Predicted position: ninth
Newcastle's ball has been being closely followed since they moved to their present ground, which is expanding rapidly this season. With the option provided by Johnson's goal-kicking

by their New Zealand hierarchy of Hills and Lee Smith. They enjoyed a profitable tour of Canada and reports are that they will be a team that will use their squad players to great effect.

ORRELL
1992-3: ninth
Captain: S. Taberner
Coach: W. Lyon
Predicted position: tenth
I hope to be proved wrong about the two northern teams occupying the basement at the season's end. The division needs to be a team that will use their squad players to great effect.

FEATHERSTONE
1992-3: promoted as winners of second division
Captain: N. Frankland
Coach: S. Gurnard
Predicted position: ninth
Newcastle's ball has been being closely followed since they moved to their present ground, which is expanding rapidly this season. With the option provided by Johnson's goal-kicking



Andy Robinson: hoping Bath can lift title again

Real magic from Leng and Houdini



Leng: inspired ride

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR
IN ACHTSELSCHWANG, GERMANY

VIRGINIA Leng, who is attempting to win a fourth individual European title, rode the test of her life on Welter Houdini, her Badminton winner, yesterday to take a commanding lead of 4.2 points at the end of the rain-soaked dressage phase of the European three-day event championships in Bavaria.

Leng's superb performance on the exuberant Houdini in an arena reduced to a quagmire by heavy overnight rain, has helped to put Britain on course for a fifth successive European team title, although the Irish, not unduly worried by the going, could still offer a serious threat.

The British team, drawn to go last today, is ten points ahead of France with Holland third as the competition moves on to the influential speed and endurance phase.

Peter Thomsen, of Germany, the

overnight leader, is lying second on White Girl and Pia Panisu, 22, a riding teacher from Finland, has moved into third place on Cyna, her nine-year-old Polish mare.

Leng was visibly relieved when she heard her high score. She had had difficulty containing Houdini in the practice arena and was in two minds as to whether she should change from his usual snaffle bit to a double bridle.

Just before going into the squelching arena, Pat Manning, her trainer, told her: "You have two options — either you can play safe or you go and ride for your life." Leng did the latter and was rewarded with work of such a high quality that Houdini's few mistakes — a break in the counter canter and a poor retn-back — did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the judges for the performance.

William Fox-Pitt had already boosted the British team score with an impressive performance on Sir Mich-

ael Turner's Chaka. The Irish-bred gelding was clearly in high spirits and Fox-Pitt, making his senior team debut, did well to restrain him in some of the canter work. At the end of his elegant test Chaka shot into the air the moment the applause broke out.

Other good performances yesterday came from Mandy Sibbe-Jenkins, of Holland, on King's Jester, and Pierre Michelot, of France, on Aleo de Fondely. They are lying fifth and seventh — either side of Britain's Nick Burton on Berlic Blunt.

The dressage marks are not expected to have much bearing on the competition after today's cross-country. Because of the extreme conditions the ground jury, after consultation with Hugh Thomas, the technical delegate, has taken out three more fences from the course and the optimum time has been reduced accordingly from 12½ minutes to 11. Six minutes have been added to phase A, the first roads and

tracks section. It is the wet, patchy going which is likely to have most influence on today's result. The fences, with the exception of a difficult complex between No 11 and 13, are closer to a big three-star event than a four-star, such as Burghley or Badminton.

Leng, who has won her three European titles on three different horses, is glad that she spent much of last winter hunting Houdini. "It's taught him to jump on any going," she said. She hopes to take most of the direct routes — "he's not very good at turning" — but as she is going near the end of the day she will keep an open mind until she sees how the course is riding.

RESULTS: Team (after dressage) 1. Britain, 126.60pts; 2. France, 126.20; 3. Ireland, 125.00; 4. Germany, 143.60; 5. Sweden, 151.80; 6. Ireland, 158.00. Individual: 1. Leng, 42.1; 2. Sibbe-Jenkins, 41.6; 3. Michelot, 41.2; 4. Fox-Pitt, 40.8; 5. Turner, 39.8; 6. Thomsen, 39.4; 7. Manning, 38.8; 8. Turner, 38.4; 9. Turner, 38.0; 10. Turner, 37.6; 11. Turner, 37.2; 12. Turner, 36.8; 13. Turner, 36.4; 14. Turner, 36.0; 15. Turner, 35.6; 16. Turner, 35.2; 17. Turner, 34.8; 18. Turner, 34.4; 19. Turner, 34.0; 20. Turner, 33.6; 21. Turner, 33.2; 22. Turner, 32.8; 23. Turner, 32.4; 24. Turner, 32.0; 25. Turner, 31.6; 26. Turner, 31.2; 27. Turner, 30.8; 28. Turner, 30.4; 29. Turner, 30.0; 30. Turner, 29.6; 31. Turner, 29.2; 32. Turner, 28.8; 33. Turner, 28.4; 34. Turner, 28.0; 35. Turner, 27.6; 36. Turner, 27.2; 37. Turner, 26.8; 38. Turner, 26.4; 39. Turner, 26.0; 40. Turner, 25.6; 41. Turner, 25.2; 42. Turner, 24.8; 43. Turner, 24.4; 44. Turner, 24.0; 45. Turner, 23.6; 46. Turner, 23.2; 47. 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Marseilles president gives up legal fight to have club reinstated in European Cup

Tapie decides to put country before club



Waddle 1991 move

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE international football authorities yesterday won their battle of nerves with Marseilles when the French champions withdrew their legal action to have the right to defend the European Cup they won last season.

With the sport on the brink of chaos and France on the verge of being banned from all international football, Bernard Tapie, the president of Marseilles, who are alleged to have tried to fix a French league match last season, gave up the chance to continue the legal fight against Uefa and Fifa.

Although Tapie had been granted an injunction by a court in Bern, lifting Uefa's ban on Marseilles playing in the European Cup, which

begins on Wednesday, he received letters and phone calls yesterday from leading French officials, warning about the consequences, if he pursued his action in the courts in Switzerland, where the two governing bodies are based.

Guido Tognoni, a Fifa spokesman, described Tapie's withdrawal as a "victory for common sense. We cannot allow everyone who is unhappy with a decision to go to a civil court."

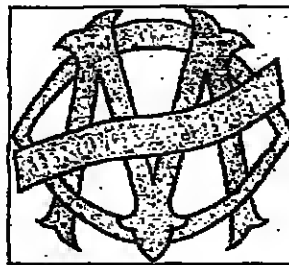
Tapie, a business tycoon and socialist politician, said in Marseilles: "French football was in danger of disappearing from the international scene. Only by abandoning our lawsuit could French football have been saved. I hope our supporters, our players and our officials will be recognised

for putting France's interests above their own individual interests."

The French Football Federation has refused to act against Marseilles before the police complete their enquiries into claims that a Marseilles official and player tried to fix a match against Valenciennes on May 20. Tapie has always denied the allegations.

However, the federation realised that France's participation in the 1994 World Cup Finals and its staging of the 1998 global tournament were in jeopardy unless Tapie conceded defeat.

Fifa officials summoned Jean Fournet-Fayard, the federation president, to Zurich yesterday to warn him of the consequences if Marseilles continued their struggle. He was still trying to persuade



Tapie at 2am, telling the Marseilles president what the federation would do.

He said: "If the lawsuit had not been withdrawn, we would have been faced by a terrible choice - write a club as prestigious as Marseilles off the football map or sabotage our international prospects. However, between a club and our national interest, we would not have hesitated."

Noel Le Graet, the president

of the French Football League, sent a letter to Tapie, stating: "I solemnly ask you to withdraw the legal action you have opened against Uefa, which will inevitably lead to a dramatic situation which will spare no one."

Fifa takes a strong line on civil court action by clubs, as it showed last year when Flamengo, from Rio de Janeiro, also considered legal action. However, Fifa and Uefa must be confident of their grounds this time, because if the French courts finally clear Marseilles of the match-fixing allegations, Tapie might consider restarting his action.

Monaco will now replace Marseilles in the European Cup against Aek Athens on Wednesday and Auxerre will take Monaco's place in the Uefa Cup against Tenerife.

Tapie remained buoyant yesterday saying that he hoped Uefa would allow Marseilles to play the Super Cup, between the winners of last season's European Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup, against Parma of Italy, and the Intercontinental Cup against São Paulo, Brazil, the South American Cup winners.

However, he told a news conference that there was no question of having reached a deal with Uefa over dropping his lawsuit. He said: "If it proved possible, we would have shown once again that we know how to behave off the pitch as well as on it. But there has been no deal."

Nonetheless, the club does need nearly £10 million to cover its loss of revenue from not playing in the European Cup. Half has been guaran-

teed by local authorities and Tapie said that he personally would cover the rest.

Meanwhile, further allegations have been made about the finances of Marseilles. Agence France Presse, the French news agency, yesterday reported that Tapie used up to £5 million from one of his companies to buy Chris Waddle from Tottenham Hotspur in 1991.

The agency said it had seen a public audit office report which examined Testut, the weighing scales manufacturer, of Bethune, near Lille, that said that between £4 and £5 million was included in the 1991 accounts for Waddle's transfer. However, a spokesman for Bernard Tapie denied any money was used for non-company business.

Junxia a hare who ate stewed turtle

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

WANG Junxia may have broken the women's 10,000m world record by the astonishing margin of 42 seconds in Beijing on Wednesday, but the athletics world at large has responded with more raised eyebrows than applauding hands.

The Chinese runner, world junior champion in 1992 and world champion in Stuttgart last month, completed the distance in 29min 31.78secs, obliterating the 30:13.74 mark set by Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway, in 1986.

Kristiansen has led the chorus questioning Chinese credentials. "Wang Junxia is a very talented runner," she said. "But there are question marks. How can a 20-year-old girl improve her personal best by more than three minutes in less than a year?"

Lyn Jennings, the US runner, said the record was tragic for the sport, adding: "I don't know what this smells of." Annette Sergent-Palluy, of France, a former world cross country champion, said: "It's difficult to believe, simply too much." Another French long-distance runner, Farida Fates, said: "What Wang did is truly inhuman."

"Well," Kristiansen concluded, "she's certainly not eating porridge."

No, she isn't. She eats stewed soft-shelled turtle. Ma Junren, who coaches Wang, told the *Liberation Daily* of Shanghai yesterday that he had bought a soft-shelled turtle weighing 10lbs and stewed it for his athletes before the competition. He revealed that he also feeds them pollen and ginseng.

"The International Olympic Committee has never banned athletes from taking natural foods," Ma said. "Don't foreign athletes also eat these things?"

Another Shanghai newspaper, the *Xinmin Evening News*, published a detailed account of Wang's post-race urine collection for drug testing in what seemed a clear attempt to counter the growing foreign scepticism.

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, however, was not surprised by the new record. "Cuba, a country of nine million people, has had great champions and world record-holders," he said. "Why can't China, with 1.2 billion people, have success, too? I think they will continue to be a surprise."

Asked whether the IAAF was satisfied with drug-testing in China, he said: "We follow all our federation members in doping controls. We are doing the same for China. If we find some positive cases, we will announce it to all the world."

□ Andrea Wallace has declared herself fit to challenge Zola Pieterse, of South Africa, in the Bupa Great London run on Sunday. The Torbay international has recovered from tonsillitis. The Great London Run, which covers a 10km out-and-back course from Surrey Quays to Tower Bridge, is restricted to women only and has an entry of more than 3,000 runners.



Young Buster, ridden for the first time by Pat Eddery, overhauls Salafin, left, to win at Doncaster yesterday. Racing, pages 36-37

Horton eager to sign Kernaghan

By KERRY PIKE

BRIAN Horton, the manager of Manchester City football club, has not given up hope of signing Alan Kernaghan, the Republic of Ireland defender, despite having a bid of £1.5 million rejected by Middlesbrough yesterday.

"We will be discussing the situation again next week," Horton said. He will stay in England when the team travels to Turkey for an exhibition match, hoping to resume talks with Middlesbrough. His chairman, Peter Swales, has meanwhile indicated, he would be willing to sell his majority shareholding in the club "if the right offer came and it was right for the club".

Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager who has recently turned down a £1 million offer for his striker, Paul Wilkinson, from Everton, and has received other enquiries about his teenage midfielder player, Alan Moore, is determined to keep hold of the players who have helped his side to win their first four Easleigh Insurance League first division matches.

Middlesbrough are the only senior club in England with a 100 per cent league record. "I want to hold on to my best players to bid for a place in the Premiership," Lawrence said.

Kernaghan, who scored for

Ireland against Lithuania on Wednesday, was out of contract and available in the summer, but signed a new three-year contract last week.

His next appearance for Ireland might have been alongside Steve Bruce if Jack Charlton had had his way, but the Ireland manager's attempt to recruit the Manchester United defender appears to have been rebuffed by the Football Association.

After learning that Newcastle-born Bruce, 32, has Irish grandparents, Charlton asked his national association to check the player's possible qualification. But David Bloomfield, a spokesman for the FA, said: "Bruce's appearances for England Youth include the 1979 Uefa championship and, according to Fifa regulations, anybody who plays in a competitive international for one country cannot switch to another."

Steve Bull, the Wolverhampton Wanderers and former England striker, will appear before an FA disciplinary committee on September 23 over allegations that he punched Mel Peje, of Wrexham, during a pre-season game. Bull, who has been charged with misconduct, has asked for a personal hearing.

Swales's move, page 39

Lauda flourishes tools to restore Ferrari

Like a plotter lobbying for co-conspirators, Niki Lauda lifted from one grand prix huddle to another, darting between motor homes, poring over papers, flicking sharp glances at his companions. His cause is the racing rehabilitation of Ferrari, a symbol of Italian culture every bit as potent as pasta or Pavarotti. But his listeners are not yet persuaded.

However, his brief has expanded - he is trying to recruit a new aerodynamicist to replace the outgoing Harvey Postlethwaite - and with it, the media attention that is focused on him.

In trademark trench-coat and peaked cap, worn to hide the scars of his crash at the Nurburgring in the 1976 German grand prix, the Austrian draws a gaggle of photographers whenever he stops to chat in the grand prix paddock.

His relationship with the glamorous former Brabham driver, Giovanna Amati, is the cover-story stuff of which magazine editors dream.

Accordingly, he has assumed a somewhat furtive, hunted air amid the intensity of media interest in the week leading up to the Italian grand prix that puts almost unbearable pressure on what



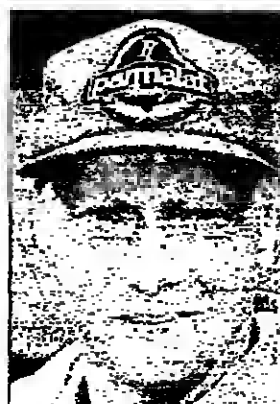
Oliver Holt examines a former champion's efforts to rekindle glories of a Formula One legend

is still the most wealthy team in Formula One.

"The publicity and the speculation do not bother me personally," he said. "I have had to deal with it for a long time now and I can cope with it."

"But the level of expectation here among the fans and the press is higher than anywhere else and inhibits what the team can do."

"But I am still confident we



Lauda: focal point

can get back to a position where we are winning grands prix regularly again. We are getting there slowly, but it will not happen in the blink of an eye. We are still paying a heavy price because three years ago we fell behind in the computer-driven technology that has come to dominate the sport."

He added: "Now we have to come up with a quick solution to a problem that other teams have spent a long time working on and we have to do it under the kind of pressure that is being brought to bear on us this week."

Lauda shares the burden of expectation with the recently appointed racing manager, Jean Todt, di Montezemolo and the respected British technical director, John Barnard, who is working on a new passive suspension car for next season at the team's purpose-built English base in Shalford, Surrey.

Many of the team's problems stem from its abandonment of an active-suspension project three years ago. While it stopped, others pressed on and the team has suffered. But next year, with active suspension prohibited, Bar-

nard may be able to work his magic. Just in time, too. Although Ferrari is the most successful name in Formula One history, with 103 wins to McLaren's 102, the team has not enjoyed a victory since Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell finished first and second in the 1990 Spanish grand prix.

This season, their lavishly paid drivers, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, have managed only two third places between them.

"We are being pressured to get results now because three years ago, the team let the ball slip and dropped the active system it was working on," Barnard said. "There is a certain temperament here which is different from the British one-foot-in-front-of-the-other approach, where you slog along with a stream of oaths and get there in the end."

"Consequently, other people plugged on and, out of the public eye, went through the pain we are now having. Ferrari is always in the public eye, so when you have a problem like this, it is one hundred times worse for us."

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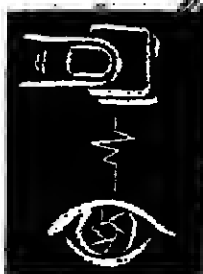
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The essence of sexual attraction

The idea of a genuine love potion has tantalised for
centuries. Throwing caution to the winds,

James Hepburn sniffs the latest scent

Stuck in the small ads, between an advertisement for concentrated muscle-building supplements — "You've nothing to lose — only pounds to gain" — and a revolutionary hernia relief truss — "Wear it FREE for seven days", a woman is pictured scratching her upper thigh, a look of puzzlement on her pouting lips. Beneath the headline "HOW TO ATTRACT GIRLS", a company in Jersey offers "Androstenone pheromone (The Natural Female Attractant)" in a discreet 15ml atomiser.

This pheromone does wonders for the sex life of pigs and, in theory, excites women. But from next week a cocktail of not one, not two, but 50 human pheromones, albeit synthetic, are to be distilled for human delectation. The chemicals that make up our own secretions are being bottled and sold back to us.

A pheromone is a chemical that affects members of the same species; it is what attracts mating dogs and marmosets. Truffles replicate pig pheromones, leading hopeful pigs to dig beneath French trees.

Dr David Kelly at the University of Wales makes his living disrupting the sex life of insects. Insects react instinctively and uncontrollably to pheromones. "A moth", says Dr Kelly, "will as soon fall in love with a pheromoned cotton-wool bud as with a female moth." This knowledge gives humans the chance to exploit insect love. Traps coated with synthetic attractants lure creatures to sticky ends, like sailors lured by sirens.

Mammals are more difficult to fool. Most advances have been made, romantically enough, with pigs. Boars secrete the pheromone Androstenone from their salivary glands. When the boar slobbers over the sow, the sow's eyes glaze and she takes up the mating stance. Androstenone has precisely the same effect on the sow if slapped on by human hand — this is useful for the purposes of artificial insemination.

Researchers dream of isolat-

ing a human pheromone which would have the same devastating effects. Patrick Siskind, in his book *Perfume*, invented a monstrous child from the stuns of 18th-century Paris with a nose of super-human sensitivity. The character captures the essence of adolescent girls and creates the ultimate scent. The result inspires such a degree of spontaneous desire that finally he is torn to pieces and eaten.

Outside fiction, success in the search for the human pheromone has been more patchy. Ten years ago Dr Michael Kirk-Smith, a psychologist at the University of Ulster, sprayed Androstenone on chairs in a dentist's waiting-room. Men avoided those seats. Women sat in them.

This, and experiments like it, have led to the small ads. They have also raised more questions than they have answered. Dr Kirk-Smith himself, like other psychologists, is sceptical about the effects of human pheromones. He believes that in humans, pheromones trigger memories. When people make love, they sweat. The smell of Androstenone is a powerful element in male sweat. When a woman comes across the smell again, she may be overcome by subconscious nostalgia. She cannot go to bed with the chair. She does the next best thing. She sits on it.

One of the leading pheromone researchers, and the enemy of more or less everyone else in the field, is Dr George Dodd of Warwick University. Dr Dodd has impressive credentials as biochemist, perfumier and entrepreneur. This week, with the Interactive Fragrance Technology company, he launches The Pheromone Factor, bottles of nature-identical human pheromones for men and women (£29.99 for 15ml, mail order only).

Dr Dodd, unlike other experts, believes humans might respond to pheromones with an uncontrollable urge to mate. He recalls a theory of Freud's that, to avoid anarchy, man developed a biochemical

which suppressed the instinctive drive to pounce on a fertile female. If this is true, then there may be chemical way of countering the suppressant and releasing the cave-man.

In the meantime we have to make do with the responses we have. The purpose of The Pheromone Factor is to make the most of these by bombarding the senses with a higher concentration of attractants. Dr Dodd's mixture replicates 50 different human pheromones. He believes that the mistake in the past has been to search for a single trigger — to look for something that acts on humans like Androstenone acts on pigs. Humans are more complicated than pigs, so the answer is not one chemical, but a cocktail.

All 50 synthesised pheromones in The Pheromone Factor are present in human sweat. Dr Dodd groups them into seven "sexual scents". Each group shares the key scent element of a traditional aphrodisiac food: one corresponds to oysters; another shares the characteristics of the male goat.

Dr Dodd's critics acknowledge his talents but say his claims are not substantiated. As far as Dr Dodd is concerned, the psychology arguments are "mumbo-jumbo", based on tiny trial samples. He accepts that he walks the line between "hard" and "soft" science. There is evidence for the existence of pheromones but, for statistical proof of their effect, he is waiting for customer reaction. He regards The Pheromone Factor as his clinical trial. "No one", he argues, "is going to jump on people in the lab."

Dr Dodd is not alone in the marketplace. Competition this month comes from the Erox Corporation in the United States. Dr David Dolberg, one of the Erox research team in Redwood City, California, claims that only Erox has found the key to happiness. He believes the error has been in relating the effect of pheromones to the sense of smell.



For nearly 300 years we have known of a tiny receptacle in animals' noses called the vomeronasal organ, or VNO. In creatures such as snakes the VNO is a vital receptor for processing information about their environment. Until recently it was assumed that the human VNO was vestigial. However, recent research shows that the organ reacts to human pheromones. What the VNO does not do is connect to our ability to smell.

Erox has carried out experiments which show that those pheromones that trigger the VNO also induce a feeling of well-being. The company claims it can isolate and replicate these pheromones. Erox has combined the resulting substances with two new perfumes, and bottled them as Realm For Men and Realm For Women (launched in America this month).

The sceptics say there is no proof that the VNO does anything apart from react, contracting and relaxing as a reminder of our primate past. This is the crux of the difference between the Dodd and the Erox approaches. For Dodd, pheromones are secretions in sweat which, transmit-

ted through the air, act on olfactory receptors, pass up the olfactory nerve and are registered in the brain as smells; for Erox, they are substances that stimulate the mysterious VNO and pass, like thieves in the night, into our subconscious mind.

My own tests with Realm brought a mixed reaction. Only one of six female humans liked Realm For Women. Realm For Men, on the other hand, won universal feelings of goodwill from both sexes, although side-effects are unpredictable. I have fallen deeply in love with myself.

The traditional perfume houses remain aloof from the pheromone issue. Chanel has no immediate intention of changing a formula that brings it millions of pounds a year. Christian Dior has no plans to use human essence. The consensus seems to be that there is quite enough sex in the perfume industry as it is.

I went to Harrods, but was quickly asked to stop bothering the sales staff in its perfume department. This was understandable. Having sampled every scent in Harvey Nichols minutes earlier, there was a danger that the pipe-

band marching through the handbag department would tear me apart and eat me.

Outside, a man wearing a fat tie had gathered a crowd on the Knightsbridge pavement. He was holding up five bottles of perfume and pointing to advertisements in *The Royal Picture Year Book*. "It's in the royal brochure," he said, with a voice like an electric foodmixer. "They advertise it, the nobs use it — £10 the five — who'll take them off my hands..." Scent doesn't always have to be about sex. Sometimes it smells like money.

over which your parents could have had no control. All very well being the Knight of Glin with the house to go with it, but what if your name is Botham-Wetham, which was the name of a boy at the school of one of those present. "Every time I heard it I used to weep with laughter."

We continued to rack our brains for names which could be unusual or striking in 1993, given the current glut. "How about spelling the name in an annoying way?" someone suggested. "Like spelling Nigel, Knigel, or even Gnigel?"

"Or spelling Rebecca. Yet what if you grew up to be bland and pimply, and this was only highlighted by the incredible glamour of your name being Tyga or Boadicea? Better a Christian name should be odd than a surname."

Messages of hilarity in a bottle shared

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen

Joining a group of friends in County Cork last week I was looking forward to the reprieve of the dinner table. By day virtue would be served by the rigours of childminding and by healthy struggles against the Atlantic breeze. By night alcohol could be ingested freely and no one had to drive home. Tongues would be unbridled, wits were bound to sparkle in the carefree atmosphere.

Yet for personal reasons I was ingesting only minimal amounts of alcohol, and this seemed to have a curiously numbing effect on my own ability to think things that funny. As the conversations became increasingly infantile and the others laughed uncontrollably, I was told that my own facial expression had become so dour that I seemed to have grown a double chin.

The butt of their humour was the sometimes absurd titles of the aristocracy... the Clotworthy Skeffingtons, Viscounts of Massereene and Ferrard, the Knight of Glin, for example. In the classless society, they suggested, new titles could be invented to suit the meritocracy whereby titles of rank could be combined with the names of mundane products.

"The Knight of Nurse for example, for some top hospital executive."

"Sir Kwik-Fit-Euro and his no-quibble guarantees" for a garage magnate.

"I think I'll change my name to 'Will Double Action Locker'," said Will. "Then if I were elevated to the peerage I would become Lord Mucron."

"I would become Lord Simutah," said another who is constantly blocked up. "Family name Lozenge."

"The Dowager Lady Wendyburger," said my husband.

I slipped upstairs expressionlessly, only to be woken in the small hours by the howls of hysteria from below. In a large group of people it seems that the collective sense of humour takes a lemming-like dive, plummeting to the lowest common denominator so as to be able to include everyone of every level of sobriety and inebriety. Or at least to try to include them.

Other activities on this short break included the after-dinner measuring of the length of ears of all adults present and the width of heads. Candida Crewes' spelling competition revealed in *The Times* a few weeks ago, and one of the assembled company playing themes from popular television shows on the piano while his audience laughed immoderately. The *News At Ten* theme tune always went down best.



By the second night my own judgement had clearly been distorted equally by the ingestion of alcohol, as I found myself jotting down what had seemed to be gems of hilarity at the time. The subject of names had recurred as two of those present were expecting babies, and the silly name of Flynn (Campbell, who had walked across Africa), was in the news. How difficult it is in 1993 to think of a striking name, given that striking names have become so popular and every Tom, Dick and Harry is now being named Wolf, Silas or Atticus.

Twenty years ago people were amazed when Keith Richard called his son Marlon. Now even President Clinton's daughter is called Chelsea, and people are almost used to Filthy Tyndall and little Pixie Geldof.

Our parents' generation still thinks it cruel to call a child by a name which will draw attention to it. "Lucian!" one child's grandfather expostulated in horror. "They'll all call him Lucy at school."

Is it an asset to have an odd name? Opinions were divided. Judging by current political leadership — John Major and John Smith — it is not. It is different in the entertainment industry. For social purposes a mildly odd name might benefit you, for at least it serves the purpose of making even the dullest person memorable, even accrediting them with some glamour which they do not necessarily have but which it will take others some time to find out. Yet what if you grew up to be bland and pimply, and this was only highlighted by the incredible glamour of your name being Tyga or Boadicea? Better a Christian name should be odd than a surname.

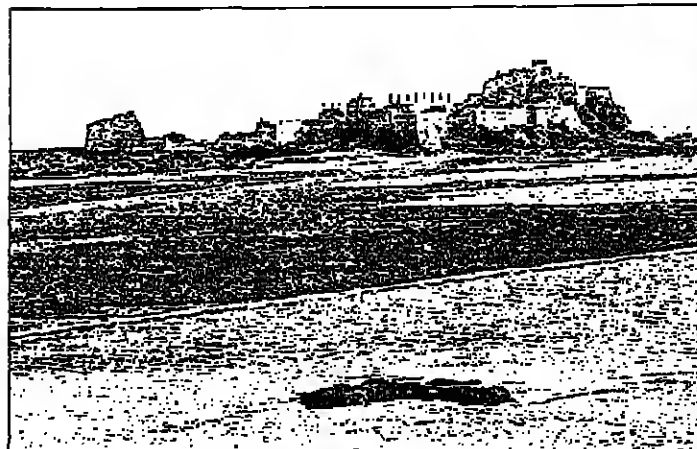
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Quiet charm of the cream of British isles

They wanted beaches and sunshine. I wanted an undemanding holiday, somewhere I could relax. As my partner was unable to join us, I hauled at the prospect of long-haul flights or speeding down unfamiliar European motorways with only a 13-year-old to map-read. We chose Jersey.

Well-travelled friends proved surprisingly ignorant about the Channel Islands, enquiring as to whether English currency could be used (it can), motorists drove on the left (they do), and passports were necessary (they were not, but are useful for day trips to France). The journey was pleasantly easy. A BA flight from Heathrow took just 35 minutes, long enough to give the children a thrill but too short for panic or airsickness to set in.

Victor Hugo once described the five Channel Islands as "pieces of France fallen into the sea and gathered in by England". We were surprised, given Jersey's close proximity to the coasts of Normandy and Brittany, to discover just how quintessentially English the island is. Despite the predominance of French place names, yellow telephone kiosks and local bank notes, familiar shops line the high streets and the only people we heard speaking French were tourists. The architecture is a mixture of suburban sprawl and seaside elegance. Small bungalows rub shoulders with the attractive pastel façades of



More charming than St Helier is the harbour town of St Aubin, a pretty, white-washed place which often provided the setting for the television series *Bergerac*

rather than mechanical devices, and seaweed is used in place of chemical fertilisers.

Many of the island's main attractions are also on a small scale, which means visitors can absorb all there is on offer without becoming exhausted. Jersey Zoo, Gerald Durrell's unique sanctuary for rare and endangered species, lies neatly in the pretty gardens of the 16th-century Les Augres Manor, and it is possible to visit each of the 40-odd breeds in an afternoon. The same applies to the Jersey Museum, voted the most outstanding tourist attraction in the British Isles in 1992 by the British Guild of Travel Writers. Cleverly laid out on four compact floors, the museum offers a taste of the traditions and history of the island through original

objects and the latest hands-on technology, which my children found irresistible.

The newly-opened £8 million Living Legend is another accessible family attraction. Set in nine acres in St Peter's Valley, it has a play area and street entertainers in addition to a computer-controlled, three-dimensional show depicting key episodes and historical figures from the island's past. It seems a pity that a place dedicated to Jersey's heritage and traditions should have an ice-cream parlour selling a bland commercial brand, rather than the delicious, creamy Jersey product available elsewhere.

The island may be crowded but, with around 50 miles of coastline, its beaches rarely are. Small sandy coves nestle among soaring cliffs on

the north coast. One of the loveliest is Plemon Bay, at low tide an unspoilt stretch of sand fringed by rock pools and caves. To the west is St. Ouen's Bay, six kilometres of exposed sand and rock pools more suitable for surfers than swimmers.

St Aubin's Bay is another vast expanse of sand popular with watersports enthusiasts. There the Jersey Seaports Centre offers water skiing lessons to children from the age of five upwards. We opted for the Banana Ride, a large, banana-shaped inflatable towed behind a speed boat. Helen, aged nine, clung on for dear life, shrieking a great deal, and declared the experience "really wicked".

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There will be archery in the Old Coach House, day shooting over the sea, a visit to the Old Putney whisky distillery, a cliff-top walk from Skirza Head to John O'Groats observing seals, seabirds and rare plants. Or, you might prefer golf, fishing or riding.

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Roll me over in the clover but don't grow it again

There was once a song which went: "It's illegal, it's immoral, or it makes you fat!" I can go one better: we have a crop on our farm which is all three. I refer to my old friend, clover. Only last week I was boasting of having made the perfect "sandwich" in a sheaf of oats, oat-straw and clover, only to find that this week I am facing a legal ban. Not only that, there is more than a hint that the mere growing of clover is about as socially irresponsible if not immoral an act as any farmer can commit.

This blow came in the last

novella from the Ministry of Agri-

culture, which sets out the rules (or

rather the latest rules, since they

revise them as often as a child

learning to play cards and deter-

mined not to lose) on how to

manage set-aside land. It says quite

clearly that clovers "can aggravate

nitrate leaching... therefore can

only be sown if limited to no more

than 5 per cent of the seed mixture by weight."

Let us examine these few words cast into the midst of a wealth of cloudy regulation, to see if they hold enough water to dilute a bucket of pig-swill.

I have written often enough about the value of clover as feed for animals. To put it simply, it makes them fat. Too much and they will literally burst through bloot, but good stockmanship will ensure they do not. It can be grazed, or cut for the sweetest smelling hay that will ever have been past your nose. But this is old news.

In my *Stephens Book of the Farm* (1984), it says: "Red clover for mowing, and white clover for pasturage, excel, and probably ever will, all other plants."



So what do the rule-makers have against it? It is difficult to be certain. Perhaps its greatest value on a farm that has no livestock to feed is as a fertiliser. In a remarkable feat of magic, it captures nitrogen from the air and stores it in its roots in a form from which plants can extract it as a feedstuff. Giving plants nitrogen is like putting petrol in cars; it makes them go. So, since whatever crop follows the set-aside is going to require nitrogen to flourish, why not allow clover to build up the nitrogen reserve rather than have to resort to a factory-made product? Remember, it takes six tons of oil to produce one ton of fertiliser in the bag, but very little to produce a ton of clover seed.



However, nitrate leaching is more serious. Levels of nitrate in drinking water are rising and nobody seems sure of the long-term effects, although with a confidence which must be born out of igno-

rance we are officially reassured that there is "no problem". It is right and proper that the ministry should take steps to reduce it — but not by banning clover. Five million tons of manufactured nitrate are

bunged on the land every year; far less would be needed if farmers were required to add clover to their set-aside mixture. Anyway, the nitrate leaching only occurs when the clover is ploughed under and ensures that the nitrogen is taken up by a newly-planted crop. Clover does not sit like an incontinent old aunt, leaching all the time.

But with my confidence in clover

shaken by this latest ban, I rang

Robin Hill at Cotswold Seeds, who

has provided much of the clover

seed sown on this farm. He, too,

was "perplexed" and mentioned, in

addition to all the other advan-

tages, that clover worked wonders

for soil structure by breaking up

truculent soils, making them easier

to plough. No less an authority

than the Institute of Grassland and

Environmental Research found

"rapid improvements in soil

structure... significant differences

in drainage rates... more beneficial than grass for rapid improvement". All this adds up to money in the bank, for better soil means easier ploughing, means less diesel through the tractor (or oats into horses in our case).

Still, he had some good news for me. He has been talking to the ministry about all the things you can sow in set-aside mixtures. He admits he has not heard of all of them, but on close questioning neither had the man from the ministry. They did mention something called Alpine milk vetch. I can see myself in a pair of neat lederhosen tending that one.

But most surprising on the list is wild liquorice. Are they seeking to shut us up by giving us sweets to chew, or is this their way of admitting that this latest policy has little substance to it?

No doubt if we suck it, we shall see.

Feather report

The invisible migration

What Victorian ornithologists called the "great south flight" is now well under way. Millions of birds are moving south across Europe. The numbers are quite extraordinary. With ranks swelled by the summer's young, it is calculated that 900 million willow warblers are on the move, 220 million swallows, 90 million house martins...

But where are they all? That is another of the wonders of the autumn migration. In spring, the arrival of the summer visitors is obvious because they take up territories and sing. In autumn, birds such as waders are noticeable on the shore, but most of the small birds slip away virtually unseen.

Yet if you are alert, you can sometimes detect them. Willow warblers are everywhere in the deep foliage just now; you can find them by their soft "sweet" call, and then, if you wait, one is sure to appear for a moment on an outer twig of the hawthorn or elder, bright green in its autumn plumage. Its close relative, the chiffchaff, is one of the most noticeable of all of these southward-drifting passerines, because it sings on migration, and its ringing "chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff" sounds out from tree-tops in parks and gardens for an hour or two before it moves on.

However, other warblers, such as the innumerable blackcaps, whitethroats and sedge warblers that nested here, make very little noise. For one thing, they are all very busy feeding as they travel along. Those birds, such as the whitethroat, that are heading south of the Sahara, will eventually have to fly 1,000km across the Mediterranean and 1,500km across the desert before they can stop for food.

In the early, slower stages of their journey, they often move on in the early morning, and they can sometimes be spotted from hilltops or from tall buildings in cities. Flocks of swallows can be seen going over, and a little later in the year there will be skylarks and meadow pipits.

There are several places on

the south coast where the migrants concentrate before setting off across the Channel, notably Portland Bill in Dorset and Dungeness in Kent. Here the bushes are alive with skulking birds, not to mention birdwatchers.

How did birds come to live like this? Current opinion favours the idea that it all began after the Ice Age. Birds were already abundant in the tropical zones, but as the ice began to retreat northward, vast tracts of land opened up, with no avian inhabitants, and rich feeding in the summer months. So birds began to move into those territories. Those that flew back in winter survived, those that stayed died. Gradually, in some species, the habit of migration evolved as a set pattern.

In fact, in certain species the pattern set unnecessarily hard. Wheatears winter in Africa and in the summer fly north to Europe. Many of them then turn east across Russia and fly as far as Alaska. But those birds do not migrate directly south when autumn comes. They fly west, and once more down through Europe, following the route that they evolved so many millennia ago.

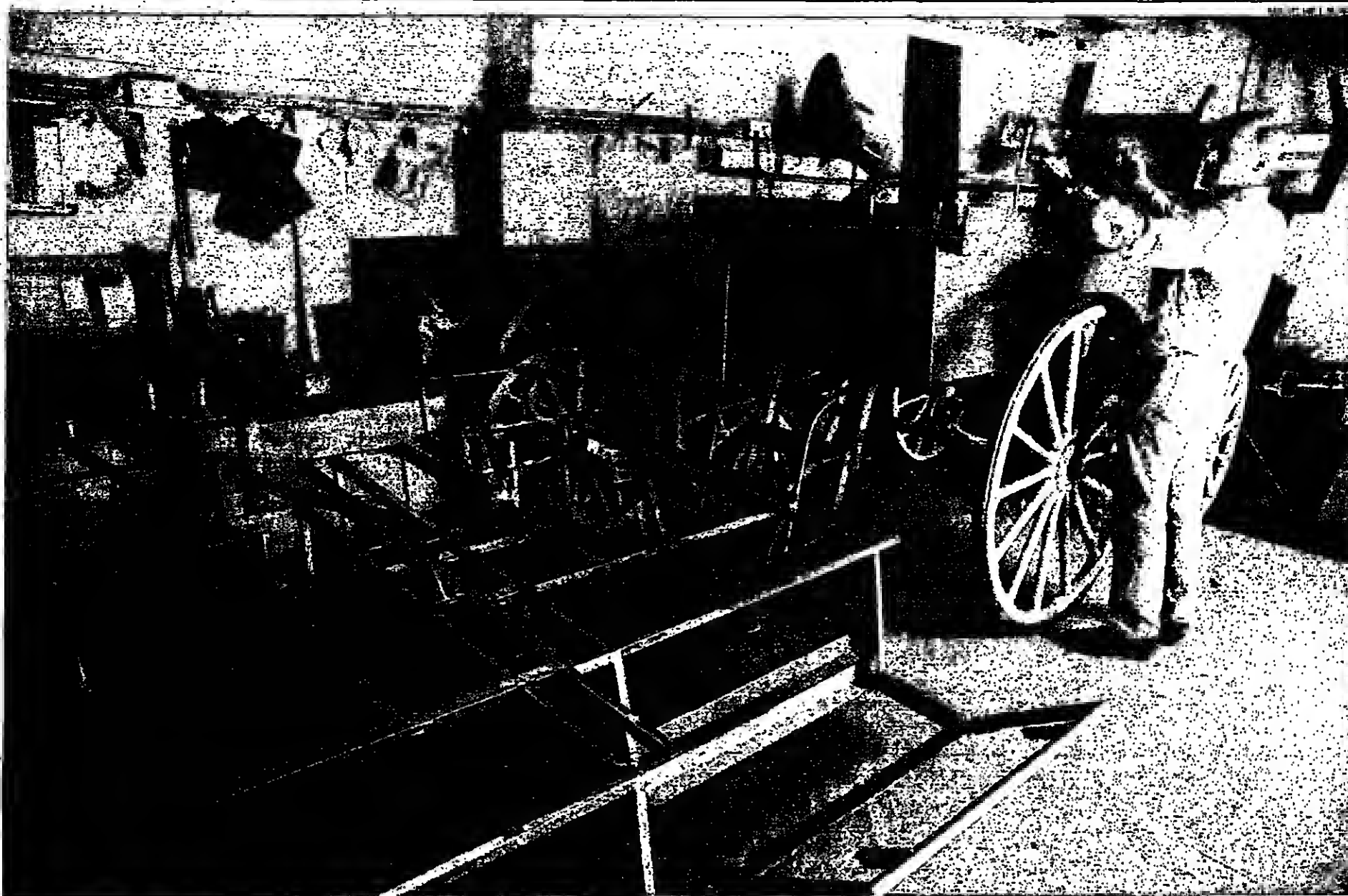
As for how they find their way, that is far from being fully understood. There is evidence for navigation by the sun and stars, and even for a response in birds to the earth's magnetic field, as well as for the straightforward following of a coastline or other visible landmarks. At the moment, scientists think that birds make a complicated use of all these methods. Invisible creatures, travelling by unknown means: that is the somehow rather cheering picture that bird migration still presents.

DERWENT MAY

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Chiffchaff, singing its way on the "great south flight"



Mark Broadbent in his Tiverton workshop: "It was lucky that the sport began to revive some years ago, when there were still people around who could pass on their skills"

Skills revived for the carriage trade

A look of admiration spread across the visitor's face as he gazed at the horse-drawn carriage. "That," he said, "is a wonderful piece of restoration."

"That," replied Mark Broadbent, a carriage maker and restorer in Tiverton, Devon, "is something we actually made ourselves."

The fact that there is still the talent around to make such a carriage — a Beaufort phaeton — has a lot to do with the extraordinary growth in the popularity of carriage driving. "It was lucky that the sport began to revive some years ago, when there were still people around who could pass on their skills," says Mr Broadbent. The result is a burgeoning of crafts that might otherwise have been lost for ever.

As many as 20,000 people are estimated to take part in carriage driving, almost double the number involved six or seven years ago. Further evidence of its appeal will be the number of people who descend on Windsor Great Park this weekend for the Lexus National Horse Driving Championships.

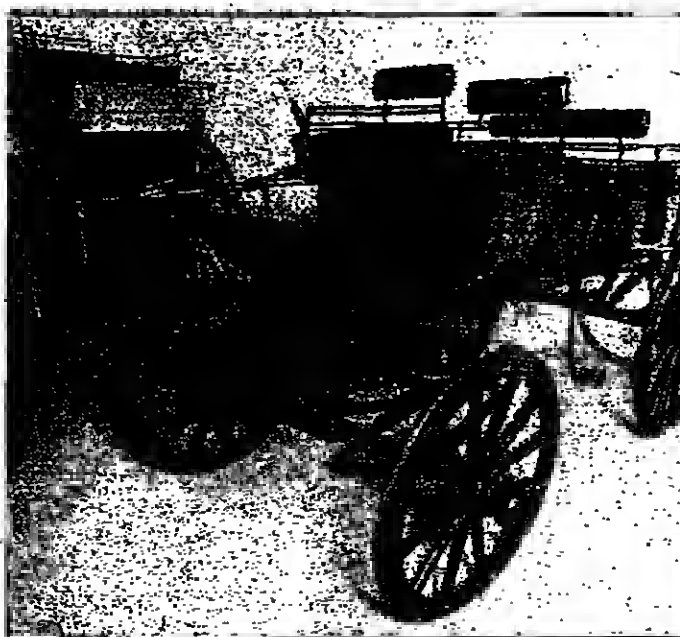
Mr Broadbent's firm, Fenix, makes

Renewed enthusiasm for driving horse-drawn carriages has saved traditional crafts from extinction. Christian Dymond reports

the craft revival. Harness-making is another. Five years ago Sue Hill-Venning was a microcomputer engineer. Today she is Stag Saddlery, a harness-maker in Buckinghamshire, and a member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

She made her first harness for her own Shetland pony. Soon after she went into business. In the past two years she has been inundated with work.

Although she makes some nylon-webbing harness, her forte is leather harness. To turn a sheet of leather into a saddle, collar, bridle, tugs (for holding the carriage shafts) and reins takes three weeks. Everything is double-stitched by hand, and often Mrs Hill-Venning spins her own flax to produce thread of the right thickness and strength. "It's a back-breaking, eye-watering job, but when



Beaufort phaeton (front) and cocking cart (rear) built by Fenix

you see the look on people's faces at what you've produced, it makes it all worthwhile," she says. A similarly traditional approach is taken in the workshops at Fairbourne Carriages, Kent, where a wheelwright, painter, blacksmith, leather-

workers and upholsterers spend much of their time restoring old horse-drawn carriages. However, 15 per cent of the business is in traditionally made new carriages, particularly show carriages, for which, says the owner, Jane Wood, craftsmanship is really important.

When George Bowman, the national horse team champion, began driving 20 years ago, such firms were hard to find. "Sometimes, if I wanted a harness, I would have to go around the sales and buy one which had come off a pub wall," he says.

Yet this year's *British Equestrian Directory*, the horse world's handbook, lists 54 harness makers, nearly 20 more than in 1980, when the directory started. Builders and restorers of carriages and coaches have almost doubled, to 131, in the same period.

Artistic Iron Products, Nottingham, better known as Bennington, has been making carriages for 20 years, and in the past ten, business has quadrupled to 130 a year. Most of its models are based on traditional designs although, as the firm's owner, Michael Mart, says: "The skills we use are more biased towards metalwork and engineering than they would have been in the past."

The wheels on their carriages, for instance, are no longer wood but aluminium. Mr Mart attributes this change to the Duke of Edinburgh, who believes that aluminium wheels make the vehicles lighter and perform better. The duke has had six carriages from the firm.

Usually, one of the firm's vehicles takes a week to assemble, but a four-wheel presentation carriage for competition takes a month — longer if you want a cocktail cabinet, icebox, speedometer and onboard computer, which one customer requested.

No such luxury is on the mind of Sue Mellor in Cumbria, who enjoys carriage driving for the simple delights that it brings. "I've always loved horses, but I've had a few injuries from falls, so I now find riding uncomfortable. And I can do carriage driving with my husband, Keith," she says.

For the Mellors, happiness is a trot around the country lanes. For carriage builders and harness makers, happiness is knowing that the numbers of such enthusiasts are growing every week.

Carriage in action, page 9

Madding crowd.



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FRESH WHITES

The Restaurant
Hyde Park Hotel,
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London's most eagerly awaited opening since Quaglino's last February takes place this week, but with no big party or cut-price previews. Robin Young writes. Marco-Pierre White, formerly of Harvey's, says friends from his Wandsworth days have already taken all the bookings for the first couple of evenings. He warns that you must expect to pay £150 to £160 for two, including wine and aperitifs (about £20 for the food). Open 12.30-2.30pm Monday to Friday, and 7-11.15pm Monday to Saturday.

NOVELTIE

Four Seasons
Four Seasons Hotel
(formerly Inn on the Park),
Hamilton Place, Park
Lane, London W1
(071-499 0888)
Jean-Christophe Novelli's first menu at the Four Seasons, where he has been picked to succeed Bruno Loubet, will be launched on September 20 and includes cannelloni of langoustines, red mullet between slices of pan-fried foie gras, lamb cutlets soufflés with Stilton, and *boite surprise au chocolat*. Set lunch costs £25. Open seven days a week, 12.30-3pm and 7-10.30pm.

HEY! TO THE CHEF

Provence
Gordale Mill Hotel,
Hordle, Lymington,
Hampshire (0590 682219)
Novelli's successor at Provence is Didier Heyl, formerly sous-chef at Hartwell House, and originally from Strasbourg. Business, I am told, is holding up well, and "many of Novelli's regulars are still returning". A three-course lunch costs £17.50, a five-course dinner £36, *d la carte* about £45. Open 12.30-2.30pm and 7-10pm, not Tuesdays or Sunday dinner.

OFF THE MENU

Recent closures include Beauchamp Place in Knightsbridge, La Semillane in Mayfair, the Nice in Portobello, and Long's in Truro, Cornwall.

For carnivores worried about factory farming, a London company offers an organic alternative, says Sara Driver

Meat Matters offers a real alternative for confirmed carnivores who feel unhappy about factory farming and uneasy about the fact that, despite reassurances from the government, confirmed cases of BSE, or "mad cow disease", among cattle are averaging nearly 900 each week, compared with 675 a year ago. The company delivers elegantly packaged, organic and additive-free meat to your door.

Is organic meat totally safe? The British Organic Farmers' Association says it is not possible to be 100 per cent certain that all their meat is free from BSE. The disease has a long incubation period and, since some bought-in stock may originate from non-organic sources, there is always a risk that small numbers of organically managed cattle may develop BSE. There are no retrospective guarantees, but livestock which has been certified organic is fed only foodstuffs free from pesticides, fertilisers and animal protein. This ensures that the likelihood of organic herds contracting BSE, which is slight at present, will diminish still further in the future.

Worries over the safety of beef have resurfaced this week with the sale of six-year-old meat. Helen Browning, chairwoman of the association, confirms that organic meat is never held in long-term frozen storage. Some producers might sell cuts from their own freezer, but these would only be frozen for a matter of weeks or months and would carry a sell-by date.

Meat Matters is owned and run by Diane Glass from her home in Muswell Hill, north London. The company owes its origins to the determination of two local mothers who, alarmed by all the food scares in the late 1980s, began buying organic food for their families.

Organic meat, they discovered, was a rare commodity even in their cosmopolitan area. Undaunted, they tracked down sources outside London and began ordering the meat on a regular basis. Soon friends asked to join in, and what began as a personal quest quickly became a successful business. The



Organic meat is valuable to people with special diets, but the superb taste is recommendation enough. Illustration from a 19th-century painting by Thomas Roebuck

company needed to expand and, in 1991, Mrs Glass stepped in, bought Meat Matters, and in less than two years doubled its list of clients.

The sheer variety of produce available would put any supermarket meat counter to shame — lamb kebabs with organic peppers and onions (four for £6.49), pork sausages infused with cider and apple

or beer and garlic (£2.59 per lb), haunches of venison marinated in juniper and red wine (£8.99 per lb), and smoked organic chickens (£4.99 per lb).

Then there is the taste, the traditional flavour sacrificed by so many modern farmers in favour of intensive practices. Customers have been known to ring Mrs

Glass in the middle of dinner parties to enthuse about the tenderness of the meat they are serving.

The purity of the meat is valuable to people with allergies or special diets, but Mrs Glass believes that most customers are just concerned for their family's well-being.

The company provides a personal, individual service. Mrs Glass

takes telephone orders from clients and will often ring to check if their supplies are running low. The meat is delivered fresh, stylishly wrapped and tied with black ribbons, to her customers' homes. At present she covers north, west and southwest London. As many customers live outside her normal delivery area, she also drives

orders to workplaces in the City or West End.

At present, she is concentrating on offering a specialised service. If there were sufficient demand for ready-prepared gourmet dishes, however, Meat Matters might just expand.

Call Diane Glass at Meat Matters (081 492 0659) for a price list

Mellow fruitfulness

The harvest of the hedgerows makes great jelly

NOW is the time to think about making a few small jars of hedgerow jelly. Rowan berries have been ripe for some weeks now, and elderberries and blackberries are looking good this year. Crab apples, windfalls and damsons can all be added to produce a lovely rich purple jelly.

You can also save some of the fruit extract to make a table jelly — especially effective if you have an old-fashioned jelly mould. What else you add to the extract depends on its composition. Rowan berries have a sophisticated, smoky flavour, which is enhanced by the addition of madeira. Calvados or cider can be used with crab apples, port with elderberries, red wine with blackberries. There are no hard rules about what to use, but you will need plenty of sugar or syrup, as the



Autumn is the season for making preserves, but save some fruit extract for a table jelly

Fruit extract will be sour. Table jelly (serves 8-10): 8 leaves or 85g gelatine, 1/2 pt/280ml water, 1pt/570ml fruit extract, juice of a lemon, 1/4 pt/280ml wine or cider — or 1/4 pt/140ml fortified wine mixed with 1/4 pt/140ml water or fruit juice, sugar to taste.

Soak the gelatine in half the water until softened. Add the rest of the water, heat and stir until dissolved. Add it to the fruit extract and lemon juice. Heat the wine, cider or diluted fortified wine, and boil for two to three minutes to evaporate the alcohol.

Stir into the fruit liquid and, while still warm, stir in enough sugar to sweeten. Pour

the liquid into a jelly mould and when cool, refrigerate until set.

Turn out and decorate as you wish. For a more homely dessert, try sliced plums mixed with blueberries or blackberries baked under a crumble topping or in a sweetened batter.

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DISH OF THE DAY

Restaurant: Kenneth Lo, 80 tomorrow.

Born: Foochow, China.

Restaurant: Ken Lo's Memories of China, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (071-352 4953).

Present: His autobiography, *The Feast of My Life* (Doubleday, £16.99), is in the bookshops.

Past: Entirely self-taught, he wrote the first of his 38 cookbooks in 1965, when a publisher thrust £50 into his hand as an advance. "I spent the money so I had to write the book and, in fact, once I started I found it was rather easy, because you could get such a vast amount of material from China." He opened his first restaurant, in Ebury Street, in 1980.

Future: On Monday he will celebrate his birthday with a "peach buffet", based on the Peach Banquet in the Chinese legend of the 'Monkey King's Journey to the West', a meal which

imparts immortality to the guests".

Personal: Played tennis for Cambridge University, the Chinese Davis Cup team, and for Britain's veterans, only giving up last year. As well as cookbooks, he once, pseudonymously, co-authored a history of Chinese pornography. "My ambition now is to have an easy life, to sleep well and to eat well. In fact that is what it has always been."

Dish: Foochow charcuteries. Made by boiling chicken drumsticks, wings, gizzards, giblets and hard-boiled eggs for half an hour in five-spice-and-soy sauce, and eaten hot or cold with rice or steamed buns. An hors d'oeuvre at Mr Lo's birthday buffet because it was the staple diet of sports fans and of demonstrators against the warlords in China in the 1920s and 1930s. At the restaurant, £3 to £4 a portion.

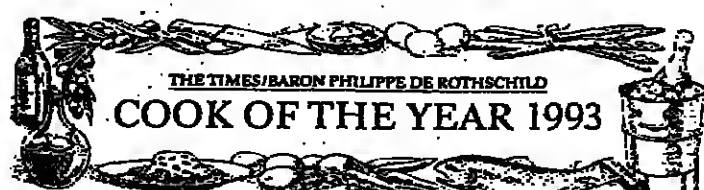
ROBIN YOUNG



Kenneth Lo, whose eightieth birthday is tomorrow

Putting cooks to the test

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, launches a new competition



Today we launch an exciting new cookery competition, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Baron Philippe de Rothschild, the world-famous producers of Bordeaux wines, from the legendary Chateau Mouton Rothschild to the widely available Mouton Cadet.

The competition is for those who are proud to call themselves cooks, and who do not yearn for the spurious title of "chef" — spurious only, I hasten to add, for those who gain it simply by winning an amateur cooking competition.

Brian Turner, our guest judge, is a chef and has achieved this status by being master of his kitchen and kitchen brigade after having trained for many years.

Victor Ceserani's presence on the panel is welcome since he is the doyen of cookery competition judges, with years of experience, and he provides a sense of continuity. Although this is a new competition, it had its antecedent in *The Observer*, under Paul Levy's chairmanship for 12 years. Three years ago, I was invited to join him and Mr Ceserani on the panel of judges to take the place left by Jane Grigson's untimely death. It was a special moment for me, because in 1983 I entered and won the same competition.

The other judges will be Fiona Burrell, the principal of Leith's School of Food and Wine, and Polly Adeside, marketing manager of Baron Philippe de Rothschild, UK.

The prizes are generous. First, second and third prize-winners and partners will go to Bordeaux with the judges for three days. There they will visit Chateau Mouton Rothschild, its cellars and wine museum, and have lunch. Dinner on the first evening in Bordeaux will be at one of the Michelin-

starred restaurants. The first prize-winner will be offered a week's course at Leith's School of Food and Wine, and three days' work experience in the kitchen at Turner's restaurant.

To enter the competition, readers are invited to submit their menu for three courses, complete with recipes, for serving six people in an allotted cooking time of two hours, although some advance preparation will be allowed. All competitors must be amateurs. Full details of the rules and conditions of entry will be found below.

The theme of the competition is British cooking, with ingredients available here. The food you cook for the judges will reflect the way you cook every day, and your own culinary traditions and interests, whatever they may be. You may be influenced by the traditional cooking of your part of the country. That is what we would like to taste. If your culinary traditions are Caribbean rather than Cumbrian, Sicilian rather than Scouse, that too is what you should cook for us.

Although it will not be a requirement for the dishes to complement specific wines, you should bear in mind when planning your menu that the judges will partner the food with the classical white and red wines of the Bordeaux region. We will not necessarily be impressed by expensive ingredients, prettily arranged on large plates. Freshness of flavours, a spontaneity in presentation and seasonal produce, judiciously employed, will be much more appealing.

Twelve semi-finalists will be invited to Leith's School of Food and Wine to prepare their first and second courses only; the third course will be taken into consideration by the judges for the balance of the menu. Each entry

should include a short biography of the competitor and his or her reasons for choosing the menu.

One of the most important features of this competition is that after each contestant has cooked and served his or her dishes, they are invited, individually, to join the judges for a glass of wine and to discuss their experiences of the competition and review their performance.

I still remember vividly Jane Grigson saying that my quince jelly was perhaps a hint too sweet to serve with meat, and Victor Ceserani suggesting that if I had not spent quite so long neatly arranging the mangelshouts and fanning out the duck breasts, the food might have been hotter when I served it. How culinary fashions have changed, as you can see from my main 1983 recipe.

Duck breasts with a red wine sauce
(serves 6)
6 fresh duck breasts
3-4oz/85-110g unsalted butter

For the marinade
4tbsp good red wine
2tbsp olive oil
crushed black peppercorns
sea salt
3 crushed garlic cloves
1 sliced onion
1 sliced carrot
1 stick chopped celery

For the garnish
8oz/230g mangelshouts

Marinate the skinned, trimmed duck breasts for several hours in the ingredients listed, turning occasionally. Remove from the marinade, dry thoroughly. Heat the butter in a large, shallow, heavy pan until just turning pale brown. Add the duck breasts in one layer and cook in two batches, if necessary. Cook for three minutes on each side, turning once only, taking care not to pierce the flesh. Remove from the pan to a heated serving plate. Strain the marinade into the pan, and reduce slightly until syrupy, adding more butter if necessary.

Meanwhile, having brought the water to the boil in a saucepan, drop in the trimmed mangelshouts, bring back to the boil, and let cook for two minutes only. Drain well and keep them warm.

To serve, carve each duck breast, depending on the thickness, either horizontally into two or three slices, or vertically into six neat slices. Arrange on heated dinner plates, and pour the sauce to one side, placing the mangelshouts on the other. Serve with a small pot of home-made quince and apple jelly and gratin of Jerusalem artichokes.

Rules and conditions of entry

1 Contestants must give complete recipes for the starter, main course, pudding, garnishes and accompaniments, and with a full list of ingredients, quantities and explicit instructions for the preparation and method. Servings should be for six people.

2 Entries must be typed or clearly written, using one side of the paper only, naming the dish, ingredients and method, in that order. All

entries should be sent to *The Times/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year Competition 1993*, 1 Repton Mews, London, SW7 1ET. All entries must arrive by the last post on Monday, September 27, 1993, and must carry the entrant's address and a daytime telephone number.

3 From the written entries, 12 entries will be chosen and contestants notified by September 30. Contestants will be asked to prepare their first two courses only in the presence of the judges at Leith's School of Food and Wine, 21 St Albans Grove, London W8, on Tuesday October 5, Wednesday October 6 or Thursday October 7. Maximum cooking time allowed will be two hours, but some advance preparation may be carried out at home. The key part of the cooking, however, and the finishing of dishes must be done in the presence of the judges, who may question contestants on the theory, practice and techniques involved in the preparation.

4 Marks will be awarded for originality, presentation and balance, bearing in mind that the judges will be partnering the food with classic white and red Bordeaux wine.

5 The kitchen is equipped with all standard utensils and dishes, but contestants will be required to supply any unusual equipment and their own knives. The hobs, ovens and grills are gas fired and electric. Competitors must furnish their own ingredients, but the organisers will reimburse the costs of these.

6 There is no cash alternative to the prizes offered.

7 The competition is open to readers of *The Times* in the UK, except those engaged in the catering profession, employees of *The Times* and Baron Philippe de Rothschild, UK Ltd, and their families. Any decisions of the judges are final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Copyright for the winning entries becomes the property of *The Times*.



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Cider is back with a kick

Jane MacQuitty tastes 40 ciders in her quest for the secret of the drink's big sales success

Amber, white or even black, today's cider is leagues away from its country bumpkin past. New ciders with names such as Electric White, Ice Dragon, Max, Brody, Red Rock and Frés, presented in unusual, clear, frosted or jet-black bottles, would horrify the past generations of master cider makers. So, too, would the many styles and flavours, of which I tasted more than 40 for this article.

Centuries ago, cider naturally fermented in the barrel (ask-conditioned) may well have tasted like wine, with less fizz but more alcohol, and more flavour. But this era's cider makers, in their quest for drinks that are exciting and different, have produced such aliens as nouveau cider, cure close (or second fermentation-in-a-tank cider), low alcohol and fruit-flavoured ciders, plus a black, half-beer cider fermented with the addition of malt and hops.

These new, strong, premium ciders — mostly containing more than 8 per cent alcohol about the same as most German white wines — have so far captured only 15 per cent of the cider market. But they are here to stay, with more devotees on the way.

Cider's astonishing increase in sales in recent years — up 36 per cent since 1988, a leap of more than 22 million gallons to a record 85 million gallons in 1992 — is the reason for all these new-wave ciders.

Wine sales, like cider, have grown steadily since the Sixties, but while wine purchases levelled off in 1990, cider sales continued to rise and have doubled since 1980. Cider is now the only alcoholic drink to be booming ahead.

The comparatively low price and high alcoholic content of cider — 6 per cent on average, compared to beer's 4 per cent or so — has much to do with its



Bulmer's 100 giant oak vats each hold 60,000 gallons of cider

impressive sales. Premium ciders are often 8.4 per cent.

Other reasons for cider's success include the notion that it is part of our heritage. With more than 10,000 acres of cider apple orchards thriving in Norfolk, Kent, Sussex, Somerset, Devon, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, there could be some truth in this. But cider-makers claim that green issues and a desire for a more "natural" drink has added greatly to its appeal.

What is undeniable is how much more experimental modern drinkers have become, relishing new-found flavours and unusual bottles. More than a third of the population (with an equal male-female split) drink cider.

Today's cider success story started in pubs, particularly with the move three years ago to free publicans from the old tied-house system, whereby they could sell only their own

brewer's products. Given a free choice they stocked draught cider, and its immediate success led to increased sales of premium bottled ciders. Bulmer's Strongbow on draught has been the most popular pub cider; last year its sales were up by 17 per cent on the year, making it the second most sought-after draught drink after Guinness.

So which of all these new ciders are the ones that are worth drinking? I would avoid the wine imitations and the so-called premium white ciders. Black cider is worth experiencing once, though you can achieve the same end, with rather more taste at less cost, by mixing a half of blunder with a half of draught cider.

For me, the best of the new-wave cider is Double M Extra Strength from H. Weston & Sons, whose delicious, rich

WINE BUYS
● 1990 Chianti Rufina, Grati-Tesco £3.69. Deep purple-red colour and rich, cherry fruit make this a good, ordinary chianti to relish with autumnal fare.
● 1991 Chianti Classico, Grati-Tesco £3.69. Garnet red, more complex, herbaceous sangiovese fruit puts this tasty mouthful slightly ahead of the Rufina.
● 1989 Michel Lynch, Bordeaux-Safeway and The Victoria Wine Company £5.99. Clever chard, blend full of moreish cassis fruit.
● 1989 Dão, Carvalho, Ribeiro and Ferreira: Majestic Wine. Warehouse, down 30p to £2.69, Sept 14-Oct 17. Pleasant, juicy, inky Portuguese fruit.
● Casa Barco Tinto: Victoria Wine, down 50p to £2.49 until Sept 22. Cheap and cheerful Spanish red with juicy, almost banana-like, Spanish fruit.
● Moldova Chardonnay, Hincest: Thrasher and Majestic Wine Warehouse £2.99. Apple-lemmy chardonnay, with a lemony oak finish.
● 1992 Soave, Pasqua: Victoria Wine £3.99 a litre for the price of a 75cl bottle until Sept 22. Lemon-scented white; drink as aperitif or with fish.

apples scent and taste has 8.4 per cent alcohol and offers a long, spicy-apple finish. Even its clear bottle is more restrained than most (Sainsbury's, 89p for 330ml). A useful second best is Sainsbury's own-label Premium Strong Cider, with 8 per cent alcohol at £1.35 for 500ml.

For a familiar flavour, Biddenden's Strong Kentish Cider (Camra's 1993 cider of the year) is a winner. Try either its punchy dry style, or the more usual medium version with a touch of sweetness (selected branches of Davisons, £2.19 a litre).

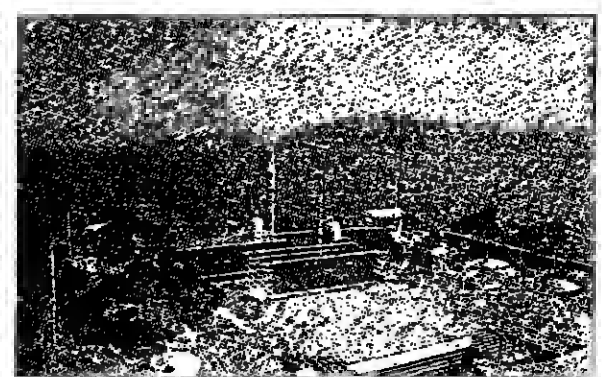
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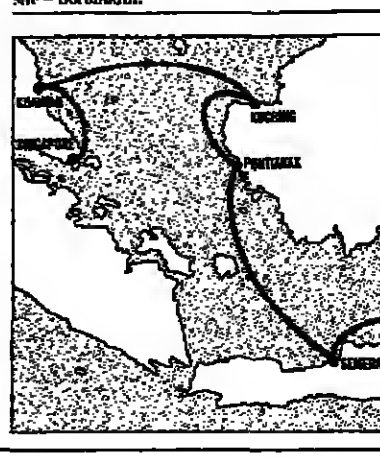
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DAY 11 At sea

DAY 12 Bali. See the two faces of Bali. On the one hand an island with a successful and booming tourism industry and on the other a deeply religious, cultured and traditional world that is unaffected by the tourism boom.

DAY 13 Lombok. Drive through the beautiful countryside to Kuta and Wajala Beach and to Sularane to see the traditional weaving.

DAY 14 Sumba. Known also as Sandalwood Island this is one of the most fascinating of the Nusantara group. See the high peak thatched houses, the huge sculpted stone tombs and the beautiful thatched huts.

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Jane Bidder reports on do-it-yourself tree houses and garden games

High jinks in the tree house that dad built



Jodie and Flora's tree house was made from odd bits and pieces

Every child needs to escape from the adults at some time during the day, and a tree house provides the perfect bolt hole. What better spot could a youngster possibly pick to spy on "enemies" (the children next door or an annoying younger brother or sister), or to sit cross-legged on the wooden floor to read a book and munch an apple?

Right now, you will probably find 13-year-old Jodie Suddon perched at the top of her 12m-high tree house with a good book. Her younger sister Flora, aged six, will be hosting a doll's tea party on the lower level (4ft high). "It's a lovely quiet place where we can go to think," says Jodie, as she stands on the top and surveys the fields and river beyond their home near Stony Stratford in Northamptonshire. "We think it's great."

When I was a child, my haven was a gnarled old apple tree with a V-shape in the middle that made a perfect perching spot. Now life is more sophisticated. Jodie and Flora's father, John, insists that he is no do-it-yourself enthusiast, but he still managed to build his daughters' tree house in "two or three weekends", using wood left over from an old barn and a sturdy rope which British Telecom had left behind after a job.

"I simply lashed a platform, with a safety rail, on the side of the tree and made steps leading down to the ground," he says. "When you get on to the platform, you have to climb the tree to reach the second level. It cost me nothing, apart from the price of a few bolts to make the structure secure."

Safety is crucial: the house needs to be firmly fixed and low enough to be safe but high enough to excite. Two levels might be the answer for a family with children of different ages: Flora, for instance, is not allowed on to the top platform. Parents who are not natural do-it-yourself buffs might do better buying a design from experts who can ensure the tree house is as safe as well, houses.

TP Activity Toys makes a traditional DIY design, which seems both secure and imaginative. It is supported on a "pirate's deck"

(£189.50), which consists of a metal platform with safety guards and accessory bars to take ladders, slides and so on. On that, you can either put a log cabin (£139.50 in kit form) or an alpine house (£59.50), which is a tubular steel frame with plastic cover to form a house with windows and door. Both are 4ft high. Although TP Activity Toys claims its design can be put up "in an hour or so", some of its stockists, such as Wicken Activity Toys Centre, Wicken, Buckinghamshire, can arrange installation for you.

Another company that makes tree houses is Quadro, whose

model is in a black and red tubular style. Even non-handly adults should not find it difficult to build the 7ft-plus design. The base rests on the ground but needs a strong tree to lean against. Unlike its TP rival, the Quadro tree house does not provide as much protection from the rain as the sides are open underneath a gable roof. The tree house costs £220 from Early Learning Toys 'R' Us, Argos superstores and Children's World.

For small children who yearn for a tree house but whose parents are worried about heights, Little Tykes offers a compromise. Its Climb and

Slide Treehouse is 4ft 5in high and sits on the ground. The "tree house" is a sturdy play platform with a roof to which a gently sloping slide is attached. The model, which costs about £159, is suitable for children from 18 months to four years and is available from most large toy shops, including Children's World and Toys 'R' Us.

If these prices seem too steep, you could ask a local carpenter or handyman for a quotation, or simply improvise. A clothes horse with an old blanket draped over it can be an exciting "den" — and it's free. Even a large cardboard box could be acceptable, especially if you paint it first with the owner's name ("Danny's Den") and cut out flaps for doors and windows. Adult guidance and supervision is obviously vital.

The garden can be a much-ignored asset for keeping children busy. A treasure hunt is a favourite pastime with my family. This requires preparation but buys you freedom while they are doing it.

To play the game, write out clues and hide them in relevant places (for example, "I'm drying out" — washing line). One clue should lead to another. The note under the washing line might read: "I start with the letter 'R' and smell nice." Sharp thinkers will then find a note by a rose. But avoid clues which encourage tramping on plants. Alternatively, give the children a list of things to find (a white petal, round stone, biggest leaf, and so on). The first child to return to base with them all is the winner.

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Many famous musicians can talk about their "big break". Perhaps they deputised for an ailing veteran and wowed the jaded critics. Perhaps they attracted the attentions, honourable or otherwise, of a sugar daddy. It happens. Names withheld by request of *The Times's* lawyers.

But the expression "big break" can rarely have been used as liberally as in the case of Vladimir Ashkenazy. The year was 1963. Inside Russia the pianist, still in his early twenties, was already considered to be a virtuoso in the same league as Richter, Rostropovich, Oistrakh. Every perk available to a Supreme Soviet Artist — dacha in the country; as much vodka as you needed to get through the day — was his for the asking.

In the wider world, too, his

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fame was growing. While still a teenager he had picked up second prize in the Warsaw Chopin Competition, gone on to win a major piano competition in Brussels and toured America. And in 1962 he had been joint winner (with John Ogdon) in the biggest piano steeplechase of all: the Tchaikovsky in Moscow. The young Russian seemed not only a superb musician, but a model

advertisement for Soviet life. He was conformist in thought, word and deed.

Or so it seemed. As Ashkenazy revealed years later, his life was fraught with tension, conflicts and fear. The miracle is that, as with so many musical geniuses, his artistry remained inviolate.

He had been forcibly recruited by the KGB to spy on his fellow Moscow Conservatoire students the KGB eventually sacked him for being useless at it. He had been banned from accepting foreign engagements for three years, allegedly for having impure thoughts about Marxist-Leninism. Worst of all, he had married a foreigner: an Icelandic pianist studying at the Moscow Conservatoire, whose family lived in north London.

The events of 1963 were fast and curious. Ashkenazy's wife and child came back to England. Ashkenazy, having made a stunning British concert debut, said he was staying here, too. The Russians were outwardly understanding; inwardly (having carelessly mislaid Rudolf Nureyev) they seethed and plotted. The pianist and his wife were lured back to Russia with trick exit visas. Once back, they were effectively held captive.

Ashkenazy, however, proved shrewder than the granite-faced spooks of the Lubyanka. He issued a statement to the Western press, saying that he had decided to stay in Moscow after all. The Russians were duped, and allowed the Ashkenazys back to London to collect their baby son. This time, they stayed for good. But by doing so, Ashkenazy effectively severed himself from his own mother and father. He would not return to Russia for 26 years.

Those extraordinary events 30 years ago are worth recalling, because they shed light on Ashkenazy as man and musician. What you see is not quite what you get, and this unexpectedness makes him a fascinating performer.

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Vladimir Ashkenazy in action at the keyboard: "Music is, for me, a sweet slavery," he claims, but the results never sound like hard labour

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Bridge-builder's portrait

As even his sworn enemies would admit, Wynton Marsalis emerged as the symbol of jazz in the Eighties. Strange, then, that we have had to wait so long for a compilation album. In spite of its hopelessly inadequate liner notes, offering no information on the source of the tracks, *Resolution to Swing* (Columbia 473929) forms a solid overview. With so many of Marsalis's albums fitting in and out of print, newcomers can start here.

Rather than proceeding chronologically, the collection begins with the clever but impersonal series of tempo changes on "April in Paris", taken from Marsalis's *Standard Time, Vol One*. There is more of a human touch to the ebullient Ellington pastiche on "Big Trouble in the Easy" — sadly the only

selection from the 1990 soundtrack *Time In Tomorrow* — and "Oh, but on the Third Day" (from *The Majesty of the Blues*) carries the authentic flavour of a traditional street dance.

Marsalis's mastery of different jazz styles — he has slowly worked his way back to the prehistoric era of Buddy Bolden — is beyond question. It is still too early to place him alongside the greats, but the compositional skill on his dance score *City Movement* (Columbia import CZK-53324) lifts him head and shoulders above his contemporaries.

Written for Garth Fagan's ballet *Griot New York*, the ambitious two-hour suite, divided into three movements

evoking the ever-changing rhythms of urban life, represents Marsalis's most assured achievement so far. It is not the themes themselves that command attention — unlike, say, Charles Mingus. Marsalis seldom grabs the listener by the throat — so much as the intricate orchestrations and contrapuntal weaving of voices in his septet.

Marsalis is coming close to bridging the gap between jazz and classical disciplines. Even allowing for the occasional *longueurs*, the work is far more focused and rhythmically varied than the gospel suite performed at the Proms last month. While his musicians still lack individuality, their precision brings out the full detail of the writing.

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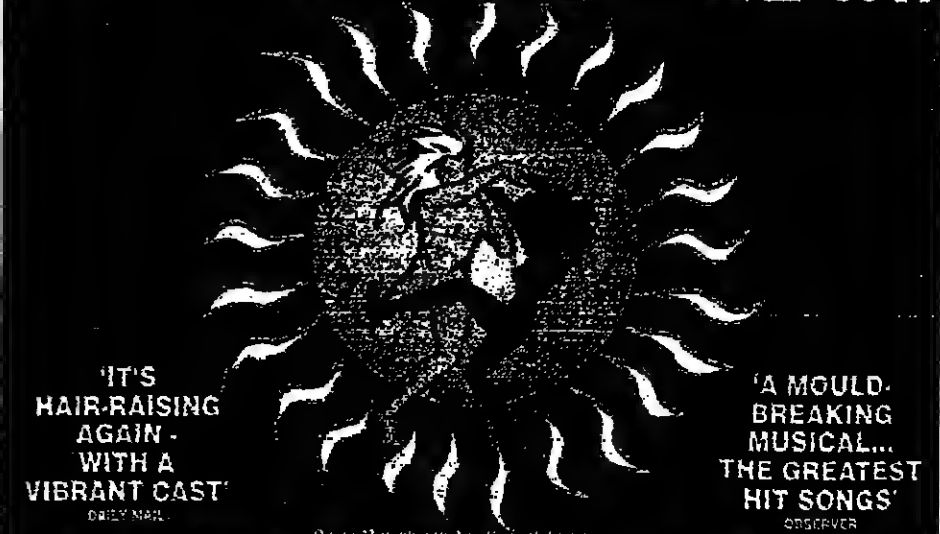
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Celebrating the arrival of Zola

In all this junketing there is a double irony. When Emile Zola arrived in 1893 he was leading a delegation of French writers, but there was no doubt who was its star. Zola was 53 and at the height of his powers. He was met at Victoria station by the editor of the Daily Telegraph. He was the guest of the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall, and 4,000 guests gave him a standing ovation...

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GARDENING

A tropical fantasy to prolong the summer

Christopher Lloyd, one of Britain's leading gardeners, tells how he has uprooted his Lutyens rose garden to create a tropical illusion with luscious foliage

A garden should never be static, or else it will regress. We have a rose garden, designed by Lutyens and enclosed by yew hedges on three sides, that was laid out in 1911. As most gardeners know, roses cannot be successfully replaced by other roses, as the soil is changed, or else the replacements are killed by "replant disease". Why go to the trouble of replacing them? I would rather do something else.

This year, therefore, all, or nearly all, those old favourites, 'Adame Isaac Pereire', 'Adame Butterfly', 'Grüss Teplitz', 'Caroline Testout' and the rest, have been exchanged with a great rending of the heart. The formal design of the garden, interlarded with York paving, has been retained in its pristine state. We have started again. I have been encouraged and stimulated by the appointment of Fergus, my new head gardener, who is young and enthusiastic.

The old rose garden, as I call it, is enclosed by yew hedges and is extremely hot in summer, just the place to eat a few of the tropics, however spurious. To live in England and yet to be surrounded by plants creating an illusion of the tropics is lulling. A few months you can imagine that winter does not exist. The garden will reach its maximum in late summer and early autumn. In winter and spring, it can be entirely empty if I am feeling rich, I can fill it with tulips and other spring flowers. This year, at least, I am not expected to provide any winter protection for my stock.

Tubers of dahlias and rhizomes of cannas will be stored in a cool, frost-free spot—that all I do have a barely heated greenhouse, already full to bursting in the cold season, in which I might pot up the manna. Until I have enough of it to risk most of my stock outside all year round. I shall have some of the fern fronds to protect against the nattering of deep frost.

Plants will create the tropical illusion mainly by their foliage. The larger the leaves, the better. Cannas are wonderful,



Above and right: Christopher Lloyd in his "tropical" garden. Far right (top): how it was

with luscious leaves in purple or green or, in the case of *Canna musifolia* (the banana-leaved canna), green with purple margins and veins. It will grow 9ft tall in a season. Its leaves can get torn by strong winds, but these are unlikely to penetrate my sheltered old rose garden until late autumn. This canna does not flower in Europe, but many varieties do with great panache, with blooms like silk handkerchiefs. They may be red, orange, pink, yellow, or yellow with orange spots. Once you start to collect them it is hard to stop. The hardier kinds will overwinter outside, in the same way as dahlias, but it is a risk.

We box up some, in old potting compost, late in autumn, storing the fleshy rhizomes in a cellar. They are watered once a week to prevent them from drying out and

shrivelling. They are brought out when the danger of frost is past to convalesce in our frame-yard until planting out in June.

Much the same routine is used with dahlias, and we are growing some of those, including the old "Bishop of Llandaff", with its red flowers and fern-like purple leaves. Most varieties of dahlia have unexciting leaves, but their flowers make up for it.

The banana, *Musa basjoo*, is a hardy and fairly dwarf Japanese species. I am glad that it should keep its head down, as banana leaves tear to shreds in a windy situation.

Another handsome-leaved, half-hardy plant is *Tetrapanax papyriferus*, with large, furry, palmate leaves. We shall lift and pot that one up for the winter. Anything with *panax* as a suffix is likely to have good leaves. *Kalopanax pictus* has

deeply fingered, palmate leaves, and they will be large if the plant is treated as a shrub by cutting it back hard every year. It is hardy, as is *Paulownia tomentosa*, which can be grown from seed. It has huge, furry, heart-shaped leaves, as much as 2ft across. Once established, it should be cut to the ground annually, allowing a single stem to develop after that. Treated as a shrub, the "tree of heaven", *Ailanthus altissima*, will produce pinnate leaves of 2ft or more.

There is a splendid red hot poker, *Kniphofia caulescens*, whose chief attraction is its large rosettes of glaucous leaves, although it does also flower, usually in autumn.

I have *Begonia huageana* standing on the dining-room window sill in winter, but it likes the fresh air during the summer months. In May, I cut

it back fairly hard, then divided it into five pieces. I kept one of them in a pot and planted out the others. I grow it for its leaves, purple on the underside and felled, but it carries pink blossom in autumn. I am also growing Nonstop begonias for their flowers. These are tuberous rooted and can be stored dry in winter.

Long and broad-leaved grasses make a contrast to this kind of foliage. The giant reed grass, *Arundo donax*, is supreme and quite hardy. It can grow 12ft to 14ft in a single season. Its leaves are glaucous, while in the more exotic variegated form, they are broadly striped in green and cream. The variegated variety grows to only 2 or 3ft and is not very hardy. Evergreen and with stout linear leaves is *Astelia chathamica*, which is grey green with a bloom on the surface. I leave that outside.

We have grown the easier kinds of datura from seed, such as *Datura sanguinea*, which has red flowers, and *D. meteloides*, which has white trumpets, scented at night. If you can overwinter it under frost-free glass, *D. suaveolens* is the most imposing, with huge white trumpets.

Architectural Plants is one of the best sources for these exotica, which cost about £10-£15 for a fairly rare plant. Many, however, can be started from seed, of which Thompson & Morgan and Chiltern Seeds have a good selection.

A bed in any warm and sheltered spot can be given the tropical treatment, and you can experiment annually with different ingredients on the same theme. That is my intention. I am enjoying myself.

● Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex TN31 6PH is open daily, except Monday, 2-5pm, until October 10; then Saturday and Sunday, 2-5pm, until October 24 (information on 0797 253160).

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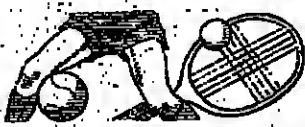
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At Cap Ferrat, Alan Copps conquers a lifelong fear of water by dunking his head in a salad bowl

I took a deep breath and plunged my face into the water. Through my goggles I could see the sun shining on the Mediterranean. I breathed out as instructed, through my mouth at first and then gently, I thought, through my nose. Then I heard a voice: "No, no, your bubbles are too anarchic."

I emerged, snorted to clear my nose of water and turned to hear more criticism of my breathing. Facing me was

Pierre Gruneberg, arguably the world's most famous swimming instructor. Between us on the edge of the pool at Cap Ferrat stood the symbol of his method—a large glass salad bowl in which I had been dunking my face at regular intervals for the past half hour.

Mr Gruneberg once said he wanted to teach the world to swim. In 40 years, his pupils have included the children of Charlie Chaplin and Paul McCartney and hundreds of

celebrities, whose triumphs in the pool are commemorated in his "golden book", a huge album of which he is enormously proud.

But what gives him most satisfaction is to teach the difficult cases: those who, like me, for one reason or another are afraid of the water. Admitting such a fear is often the most difficult step. It helps to be able to do it at the Bel Air Hotel in Cap Ferrat, one of the most romantic locations on the

Riviera, where the pool is set among the rocks at the foot of its own funicular railway.

Mr Gruneberg arrived here 40 years ago. "I took one look at the pool and decided to stay," he says. It is not difficult to see why: the hotel dominates one of the most picturesque promontories of the Riviera. Turn one way and the hotel restaurant stretches along the poolside. Turn the other and the impression is that you are swimming in the Mediterra-



MARTIN BEDDALL



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Left: a banana tree illustrated in 1880. Above and below: line drawings from a volume of the *Ludolphus History of Ethiopia* - "The ripe fruit, 40 for 50 upon one stalk", and "One figge to the full proportion"

That was Mr Gruneberg's challenge: "By the end of the weekend, I will take you swimming with me in the sea." You have a story? he asked. "I have a story: an accident that threw them into the sea and too soon..." I do a story: when I was about 10, my family lived beside a small brown tributary of the sea that wound its way through a leafy west London suburb. One sunny day on a fishing expedition, I balanced, hit the water, took in one lungful of water, turned over, and took in another. I could see the sun slanting through the brown water as I rolled down the mud bed, choking and thrashing in panic. The next thing I remember is an older boy bashing me on the back to clear the weeds from my mouth. I had swallowed. I was choked. He waded in, hauled me out, then led me, choking, home. Other, who squeezed some water out of my lungs, took me off to hospital for a serious job. Probably happens to a lot of people, but it was enough to instill a fear that grew. I did off swimming lessons at school and on beach holidays I did strictly within my depth. Mr Gruneberg watched me stroke or two. "Come out of the water. You must learn to be able to relax enough to float." So I found myself beside the most desirable pool in the south of London, wearing goggles and my face in a salad bowl. Gruneberg, wearing a straw hat, peered through the glass until he was satisfied that I had won control of my wayward bubbles. The man is persuasive and is, but he demands effort from his pupils, especially a trying to pack a full weekend into one weekend. "You

must wear goggles. If you can see beneath the sea, you will learn to love it." Once I had learnt to breathe, I had to learn to float. I stretched on my back in the shallow end, breathing as instructed. "Don't move," he called as he turned to advise my wife Anna about her swimming style. I lay there for what seemed like hours, staring at the sky. Their voices had stopped. A sudden fear seized me. Was this some diabolical trick? Had I drifted off towards the deep end? I spun round,



Alan Copps learns to control his bubbles (left), before floating in the pool (above)

put my foot down and hit the bottom of the pool. I was in exactly the same spot. "I told you not to move. That was only three minutes. I want you to stay there for ten," called Mr Gruneberg. So that is what I did. "Now I want to show you something else - take a breath and float face down," he said. I did. He planted his foot in the middle of my back and pushed me down so I was lying on the floor of the pool. Without warning, he took it away and I bobbed up to the surface. "You see how difficult it is to drown?" He took me to the deep end. "Go down the steps, and then push yourself down the pole to the bottom." I pushed, too timidly, and bounced straight up. Then I pushed harder. I

was standing on the bottom, two metres deep. I let go, bobbed to the surface, exhaled in a rush and gulped in a mixture of water and air. Mr Gruneberg grinned, nodding his head. "Remember, never breathe in with your mouth under water. Isn't that obvious?" He made me repeat the drill several times, then he had me floating on my back in the deep end. Then he made me turn over and swim from side to side. It seemed an extraordinary achievement in little more than a day, but Mr Gruneberg was cautious. "Fear built up over the years can't be dealt with so quickly. It would be crazy to lose your confidence now because someone decided to dive or make a splash." So at his insistence, I wore a pair of little waterwings, like a child. But instead of letting me splash around in the shallow end, Mr Gruneberg said: "Now I will take you to the sea."

We stood on the rocks beside an inviting cove, and I put on flippers and goggles. "Just go down this ladder like you did at the deep end. Put your head under the sea and look. We should all love the sea. Look at the fish," he said. I saw three whitebait-sized fish lurking among the rocks, anemones waving in the current and a crab scuttling on the bottom. "Come on. Come with me," said Mr Gruneberg. And we swam out together beyond the lee of the rocks into a small bay. "Now lie on your back in the sea." And I did. "I can see the fear is going," he said as we swam slowly back towards the shore. "But I don't think you're quite ready for the sea alone." Then he splashed the tip of a wave straight in my face. For a second I was afraid, then I laughed. "You'll soon be ready," he said. He left me at the ladder and turned alone for the open sea. "I'll see you at dinner. I'm just off to the lighthouse now."

Factbox

Where to stay: The Hotel Bel-Air Cap-Ferrat, Boulevard du General de Gaulle 06230, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France (010 33 93 765050) is ten miles from Nice and six miles from Monte Carlo. The hotel has 59 air-conditioned rooms and eight suites. Its 80-seat gourmet restaurant has a Michelin star and there is a poolside restaurant. In addition to the Club Dauphin pool, there are two tennis courts. Bicycles are available and there is a golf course nearby. Room rates for bed and breakfast range from FF2,000 (about £250) in the high season to FF950 (about £110) in the winter months. The hotel is a member of Relais & Châteaux.

How to get there: Flights to Nice by Air France, British Midland or British Airways from Heathrow, Aik UK to Nice from Stansted. Fares range from £572 for a full scheduled return to £210 return under Air France's Discover France offer or BA's seal sale.

Swimming instruction: This is led by Pierre Gruneberg, whose students have included Aristotle.

Swimming: This autumn he will inaugurate a pool in the new 6th-century gallery at the Savoy in London, and teach at the Legion Arms, Broadway, Worcester (01299 52255).

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Digital magic has arrived

The latest in leisure and home entertainment technology will be displayed at Live '93, a new exhibition at Olympia, in London, sponsored by The Times. The five-day event, opening next Thursday, is Britain's biggest consumer electronics show.

A huge amount of advanced equipment is on the market this year as a result of new developments and a fiercely competitive industry battle to produce attractive products. Many reflect the fact that the world of the near future will be increasingly digital.

The computer have long been aware of the advantages of reducing information to a string of digital numbers, but it was when the same idea was used to create the compact disc that a truly mass market for digital equipment in the home started.

Now that is being applied in many other areas, helped by remarkable advances in digital compression. The ability to cram ever more information into a limited space is bringing about what was considered impossible only a few years ago.

This technology will soon make hundreds of television channels possible. New hi-fi systems equipped with digital recorders, which can record music with the same sound quality as that of compact discs, are already available.

Digital compression is also behind new mobile-phone networks that will sell at half of today's price. "multimedia" personal computers with excellent video and sound, and new types of "interactive" players for the home that offer computer games with "real" actors, and films for which viewers can decide how a plot develops.

For the film, video or broadcast enthusiast, Live '93 will feature the new types of television sets going on sale, including models that are larger, and smaller, than ever before. One of the fastest-growing areas is home cinema, where large-

screen televisions with impressive stereo provide a good approximation of the cinema experience in the living-room.

On the latest wide-screen televisions you can watch films in the same wider shape as they appear at the cinema. Conventional television sets cut off the sides of films or show them in "letter-box" format with black bands above and below the picture. For those who want an even larger picture, Sharp is displaying a video projector able to show pictures with a diagonal width of up to 8ft 4in.

At the opposite end of the scale, the show features the first television set to be built into a pair of spectacles. It contains earphones for the sound and projects a television image six to 15 feet away as large as that of a big-screen television.

Because the image is placed only in the lower field of vision, wearers are able to see normally when they look straight ahead.

"You can walk the dog and watch the news," says Virtual Vision, the company behind the concept.

Those more interested in camcorders can see an innovative model from Sharp which has a 4in colour monitor built in so that it does not have to be held to the eye.

Mobile phones, at present used mostly for business, are increasingly being aimed at private customers. Smaller, neater phones are being offered, as well as new networks at lower charges for those users who have to pay their own bills.

At Live '93, Sony will be showing a new mobile phone the size of a pack of playing cards. If you use an optional personal-stereo earpiece and microphone, the rest of the

phone can be reduced to the size of a credit card.

This week a new mobile network started within a circle bounded by the M25 offering Londoners free phone calls at off-peak hours. Mercury One 2 One, will charge private users a subscription of £12.50 a month. As the network is digital, the calls are almost impossible for eavesdroppers to pick up. Phones cost from £250 and Mercury claims that its overall charges can be half that of rivals.

For those interested in serious home computing, Amstrad, the British company, is showing what it claims is the fastest-ever budget machine, and Apple will use Live '93 for the British launch of its electronic notepad, the Message Pad, which dispenses with the keyboard and uses an electronic pen that can recognise handwriting.

Parents visiting the show may

want to leave their children for a while in the Forcefield Plaza Games Gallery, where the latest video games software, including Jurassic Park, Kevin Keegan's Player Manager and Street Fighter 2 Turbo, can be tried.

G ridbuster, a new virtual reality game, will be on offer, and for the first time in Britain. Comodore will show a new games console that uses compact discs instead of cartridges.

Live '93 features free seminars and workshops, ranging from how to get the best from your camera, how to fit — and make sure you keep — a car stereo music system, and how to produce newsletters and invitations on a Macintosh computer.

There will be advice on choosing a hi-fi or computer system, and

demonstrations on what can be achieved in the field of home automation will be on display from Celsi, which will demonstrate how you can switch off your lights or turn on the garden sprinkler by telephone. And BT will give visitors a chance to try the first videophones to go on sale in Britain.

Radio stations, such as Virgin, Jazz FM, LBC and Kiss will also be taking part in the show and hosting a variety of music acts from a radio stage. They range from heavy metal and pop music to the finals for the Guitarist of the Year competition. Many of them, no doubt, will be using the latest electronic music equipment.

Live '93 will run from Thursday until September 20 at Olympia, London, from 9.30am daily. There will be late night opening on Thursday and Friday until 9.30pm and the show closes at the weekend at 7.30pm and 5pm on Monday, the last day. Tickets, at £7 each or £16 for a family of up to two adults and three children, are on sale from London Underground ticket office or at Olympia. After 4pm, tickets cost £5 or £12 for a family ticket. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Press button time for the budding rock star

Modern musical instruments are winning more and more fans

Generations of musicians, amateur and professional, started their careers on battered upright pianos and cheap guitars. But today's budding classical and rock stars have a head start.

The burgeoning, high-tech home-music industry features new developments that can turn an ordinary living-room into the equivalent of a professional recording studio, combining the sounds of a wide range of instruments into a home orchestra.

Modern instruments couple traditional musical conventions with the latest advances in computer technology and digitised sound.

Electronic keyboards are popular in many homes, but the sounds they produce are almost always synthesised versions of the real instrument, varying in authenticity from instrument to instrument.

But there is also the fast-expanding field of digital pianos, producing genuine keyboard sounds from an electronic "engine". Digital pianos work using "sampled" not synthesised sound, the music of real pianos recorded by engineers, then digitised into electronic form.

A real, mechanical piano keyboard is used to control the sampled tones to produce an instrument that feels and sounds like a conventional piano but has several electronic advantages.

Yamaha's best-selling standard model, for example, has the "voices" of two different pianos, a harpsichord, vibraphone, organ, electric piano, and strings for £2,000 — less than a reasonable quality new conventional upright.

Since they are electronic, digital pianos require no tuning or regular maintenance and can be moved around, or



Keyboards such as this are replacing traditional home pianos

even located by radiators.

The electronic advances of keyboards go far beyond the home. Many film and television scores are now written at a single digital keyboard, then orchestrated by using software on an attached personal computer which can automatically transcribe the notes played into conventional musical notation.

Music schools are also starting to move into using digital pianos for tuition, attracted by their comparatively low-purchase and maintenance costs, and their ability to be played "silently" through a set of headphones, cutting off the sound to the normal speakers of the instrument and allowing several pianos to be used simultaneously next to one another in the same room.

The Royal Academy of Music in London was one of the pioneers of digital pianos in the classical music world and has nine Yamaha models working constantly next to each other in a music room.

The keyboards are not used to teach piano as a subject but as an aid to learning keyboard and compositional skills. Students play parts of pieces to the backing of the disc orchestra, while their tutor listens. The entire exercise takes place using headphones, enabling a class of nine students and one tutor to work on different pieces simultaneously.

Peter Shellard, the Academy's director of development, says: "It has been a tremendous boon. How else could students play a piano concerto with an orchestra and work

alongside other students at the same time? It helps their compositional skills greatly."

Digital pianos are not designed as a replacement for top-range expensive instruments, nor are they meant as desirable pieces of musical furniture. The busy second-hand market in conventional pianos does not exist for their digital equivalents.

With regular tuning and occasional maintenance, a good conventional piano can probably expect an active life of several decades, and still have a residual value. Sampled keyboards are evolving rapidly as new models appear all the time, and should be regarded as a robust, capable home musical tool, not an investment.

But however wary you are of the idea of digital pianos, they deserve a hearing. The quality of sound, and the touch of the keyboard, are both far superior to the rickety junk-shop uprights of the family drawing-room, which were the musical initiators for many of us in past years.

Visitors to Live '93 will be able to see and hear for themselves some of the latest keyboard technologies. Yamaha, the Japanese company, will also be announcing a new device at the show that can link compatible keyboards with a PC to provide sophisticated music recording and playback facilities.

The Hello Music package is a £399 sound module, which includes the synthesised sounds of 192 instruments and ten drum and percussion sets.

Using the package, the budding composer can write up to 16 different parts for a musical creation. The keyboard will then play back all of the parts simultaneously, with different instruments and effects, so that a composition can be built up in layers, just as with a professional multi-track recording studio.

The software can record improvisations as they are played, or you can enter your own music using standard notations.

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Reel life in the living-room

Sound and vision of startling quality are now available on home television sets. George Cole tunes in

More and more people are turning their living-rooms into home theatres as the latest technological developments allow large-screen televisions and stereo systems to recreate many of the visual and sound effects experienced in the cinema.

Home cinema is a concept that brings together the worlds of television, film, video and hi-fi. Not long ago, home cinema systems were aimed at enthusiasts: cost thousands of pounds and were difficult to install. Now they are designed for a much broader audience and some of them cost well under £1,000.

Many of the televisions, video recorders and hi-fi units with these features built in will be on display at Live '93.

Home cinema has been helped by the rise of the Dolby Surround sound system, which mixes two extra "surround-sound" channels with a conventional stereo sound track.

The format became popular during the 1970s, when films such as *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* used the system to produce better sound effects in the cinema—with space ships seeming to fly over your head and explosions that apparently happened under your seat. It became the standard for film soundtracks.

Fortunately, the Dolby Surround soundtrack is preserved whenever a film is copied on to videotape or disc. Ordinary video recorders ignore the surround-sound information and play the stereo soundtrack as normal. However, with the correct decoder and an extra pair of speakers, the surround-sound effects can be heard.

More than 4,500 pre-recorded videotapes are encoded with Dolby Surround and the system is also found on videocassettes, music CDs and even some computer games.

In addition, a growing number of terrestrial and satellite tele-



The ultimate in cinema for the home—larger-than-life pictures on the wall—but the system costs £35,000

vision stereo transmissions include the Dolby feature.

Several companies, including Mordaunt Short, market Dolby Surround decoders, which plug into a video recorder and speaker system, but the trend is to build decoders into home entertainment equipment.

Toshiba sells a range of Dolby Surround televisions, and Pace Microsystems has introduced a satellite tuner with an integrated Dolby Surround decoder. Companies such as Kenwood and Bang & Olufsen sell hi-fi systems with built-in Dolby Surround decoders.

Dolby estimates that at least 10 million homes throughout the world have equipment able to provide surround sound.

More and more companies are also introducing equipment that uses an enhanced version of Dolby Surround, called Pro-Logic. This has an extra central speaker and additional electronics to give better sound effects. Toshiba and Hitachi

sell a range of televisions with Dolby Pro-Logic decoders.

Also aimed at the home cinema market are widescreen television sets, which give cinema-style pictures. Where conventional television screens have a width-to-height ratio of 4:3, widescreen sets have a 16:9 ratio, which shows more of the side action.

Many popular films now come in two versions on video, regular and widescreen. But anyone looking for even bigger pictures might consider a television projector. This plugs into a television tuner or video player and projects giant pictures on to a white wall or board.

One of Sharp's video projectors, for example, which will be on show at Live '93, is small enough to sit on a coffee table but can produce images of up to 100in. measured diagonally. The projector can be used to watch pre-recorded tapes and discs or live

television broadcasts, and has a built-in amplifier and speaker.

But if you want the ultimate in home cinema and money is no object, a THX system could be the answer. THX is a standard set by Lucasfilms, an American company, for a new generation of high-quality cinema sound systems.

Each audio component, from the amplifier and speakers to the surround sound decoder and cabling, must meet THX standards. Home systems are now available, including one by JBL, which will also be on show at Live '93, but it costs £35,000.

Many home cinema fans watch films on laser disc, which puts up to two hours of high-quality video and CD-quality sound on a double-sided 12in disc.

Laser disc players offer pictures which are about 60 per cent better than VHS tapes, although the machines cannot record. The attraction is that discs do not wear out as quickly as tape and users can

find specific scenes quickly.

It is particularly popular in Japan, where one in ten homes has a system, although there are only about 300,000 players in Europe—10,000 of them in Britain.

Companies such as Pioneer, Sony and Philips sell laser disc players, which cost between £400 and £700 and can also play music CDs.

But it is small number of pre-recorded films on laser disc that has hindered the format's progress: only 600 titles are available in Britain, although 20 new ones are coming on the market by the month.

Some companies sell laser disc machines, which also play discs designed for the NTSC television system used in America and Japan, giving users access to a further 13,500 titles.

At between £20 and £30, laser discs cost more than pre-recorded videotapes but the price gap is bound to narrow.

Time tunnel full of technology

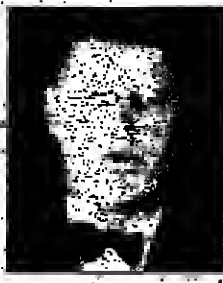
How communication methods are changing in the satellite era

Newspapers once relied on early telegram services to bring back the news from around the world. Gathering news today is a high-tech business involving the latest electronics and satellite delivery systems.

Visitors to Live '93 can see the enormous strides made in communications technology, over the past century, in a "time tunnel" display produced by BT and The Times.

Photograph and other material from the archives of both The Times and BT illustrate the pace of change in communications technology for both companies and home users.

The open-ended tunnel has history sections occupying satellite-shaped displays along its length. At one end is the main entrance, clad with front covers of The Times from its birth in 1785 to the present.



Kennedy via Telstar

A display shows how BT's telephone system has changed over the past few decades. There is a demonstration of the old mechanical Strowger phone exchanges and the new electronic digital system X exchange.

Visitors can see the latest in satellite communications and videophones alongside archive material showing their pre-digital predecessors.

One of the most spectacular uses for satellite television technology, planned for this year, has a display of its own.

During the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race starting this month, a BT camera on one of the yachts will beam live pictures to Britain from remote ocean locations—unreachable, only a few years ago, by conventional broadcasting techniques.

There is also an exhibition of the technology used by roving television camera teams. These ever smaller units, popular at difficult broadcasting locations,

track the correct satellite to transmit television pictures and sound in seconds.

Such sophistication would have been hard to believe 30 years ago. In 1962 the first live television pictures were sent across the Atlantic by the Telstar satellite.

An archive photograph of President John F. Kennedy, from the first broadcast, is among the displays in the section covering the work of BT's Cornhill Downs earth station, on the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall, where the first pictures were received.

The tunnel's display explains how modern communications

satellites differ greatly from their early predecessors, which had shifting orbits and could transmit signals between earth stations for parts of the day only.

Modern satellites are fixed in geostationary orbits, staying at the same point in space so a network can provide reliable global communications coverage.

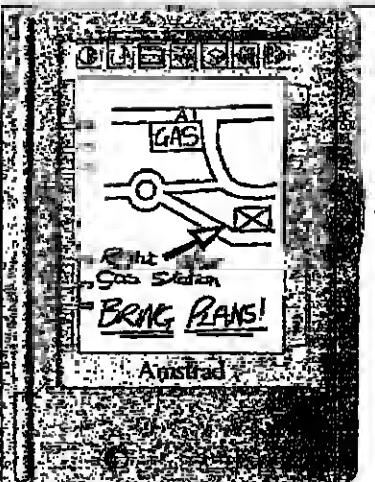
Electronic change is rapid. From the grainy, indistinct pictures of Telstar to the multichannel television and communications network of today has taken only a generation.

Ten years ago, mobile phones, facsimile-transmission machines and personal computers were all expensive items, largely limited to big business. Today, they are more powerful and cheaper than ever.

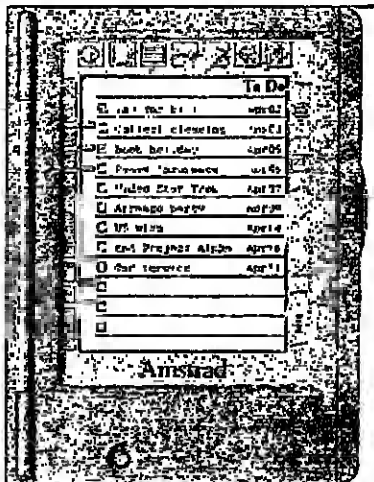
What does communications technology hold for tomorrow? The final display, the "desk of tomorrow", offers pointers, and a chance to try the technology in a working model. Around the corner are video-conferencing facilities—and other examples of technological advances.

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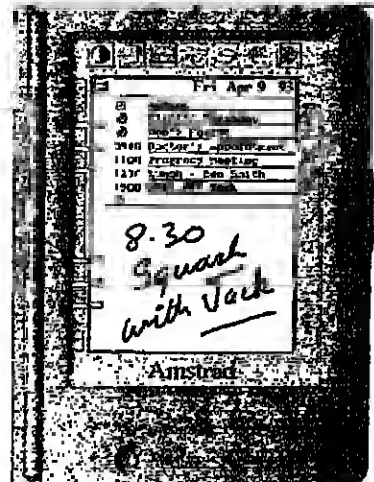
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Ten electronic notepads to be won

Electronic pads spell the end for paper jotter. Mightier than the pen... These are just two of the recent headlines extolling the virtues of the new high-tech notepads. According to some experts, those of us who use sheet-paper organisers will soon be switching to electronic notepads, which offer considerably more scope.

The notepads, such as the Amstrad PenPad PDA 600, operate by translating our penned notes, sketches or diagrams on the screen into "printed" text and visuals. And then they are held in pad's memory, ready for later recall.

Prices and performance of these technological little miracles vary but, for the money (£299.99) and user-friendliness, the PenPad tops the rankings.

As well as taking notes and drawings, the PenPad—measuring 11.5cm wide, by 16cm high and 2.7cm deep—has:

- Fax capability
- PC compatibility
- Takes standard PCMCIA memory slot cards up to 2Mb.
- Prints text to almost any printer with a serial port (the PenPad's capacity is more than 500 pages—5,000 with memory card—of recognised text).

Operated by three AA size batteries with up to 40 hours' use (plus lithium back-up safety battery), the PenPad also has a world time clock and multiple event alarm clock, calendar displays, full function calculator, and can search for words and numbers up to seven characters or digits.

Like the idea of owning a PenPad? Well, you could have one.

Today, The Times and Amstrad are offering readers ten of these state-of-the-art notepads (together worth nearly £3,000) in a simple to enter competition. All you have to do to stand a chance of



winning one is to answer the question:

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competition hotline before midnight next Tuesday (details below). If you are among the ten winners, we will let you know within the coming week.

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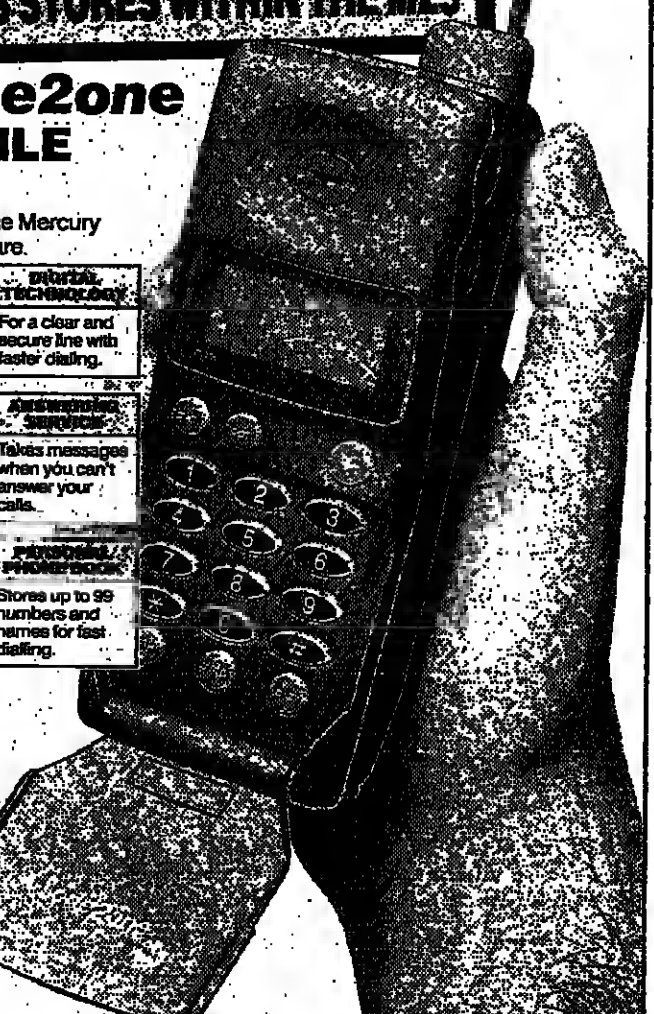
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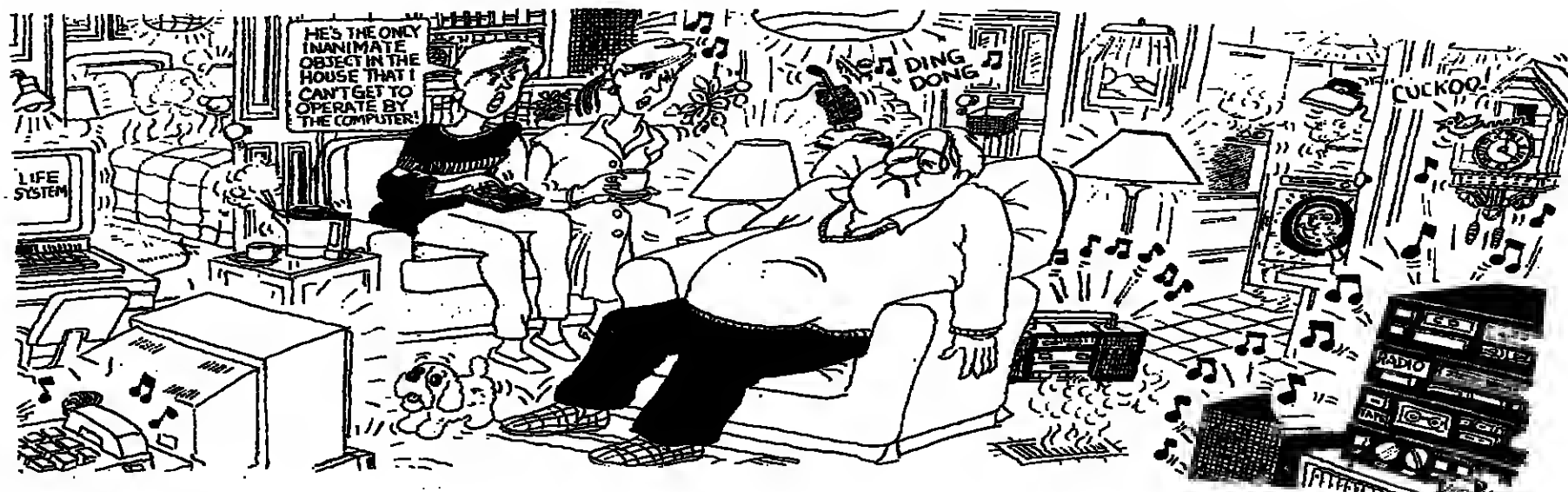
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A switch in time

As central controls come on line, the labour-saving automated home is nearing reality. Chris Partridge reports

So much computer power is built into almost every domestic appliance today that the obvious thing would be to link them all to an automated system. The result would be like the labour-free robotic home of science fiction, but despite attempts to make it a reality, it has obstinately remained a fantasy.

The main stumbling block to home automation is the lack of any way for all the computers in the various domestic appliances to communicate with one another without highly complex wiring systems. Several of the big consumer electronics companies have introduced home automation systems but few customers seem interested. Panasonic, for example, makes the High Amenity Life System, HALS, which allows central control of most of the appliances in a house, including the central heating, kitchen appliances, lights, hi-fi and security system.

The system is based on an electronic control module that links the various appliances through either the mains wiring or special communications wiring. This special

wiring adds enormously to the cost of the system, and so far HALS is available only in gadget-loving Japan.

In Britain, home automation may be coming in by the back door. Although nobody seems willing to pay good money to computerise, more and more house owners want an efficient security system.

The latest devices often use wireless communications to switch appliances on and off to give potential burglars the impression that a house is occupied. Such systems have many of the features of a basic home automation system.

Hi-fi buffs are also installing networks for carrying music throughout their houses. These also

have control functions that could be used for other domestic appliances, constituting another route to home automation.

A British-made security and home automation system, the X10 Powerhouse, will be launched at the show by Celtek, a Hampshire firm. The system consists of a control unit that can communicate with a number of electrical switches by a radio link. Any domestic appliance that needs to be controlled is plugged into a switch unit, which is then plugged into the mains.

Various controllers are available, depending on the sort of system needed. One has a built-in timer, enabling the television and lights to

be switched on and off to make an empty house look occupied, while another plugs into the telephone line and can be activated remotely.

This could be very useful to people who have a weekend cottage. Come to a snap decision to spend the weekend in the country? Phone the cottage, tap a few code words into the system and the central heating can have the house pleasantly warm and a tank of hot bath water ready for your arrival.

Really advanced control is possible with a box that plugs into a suitably programmed personal computer. The unit can store timings for switching up to 250 different switch modules for weeks at a time.

The unit can then be disconnected from the computer and left to go through its sequence of events, running everything in the house from switching on the heating, the radio and the coffee maker as you wake to locking all the doors and switching the alarms off as you go to sleep.

As home automation systems go, Powerhouse is relatively cheap, but each module costs between £25 and £35, so automating the whole house will not come cheap. Also, many items such as electrical curtain-drawing devices are not widely available.

Steve Brown, Celtek's managing director, argues that people will buy the system for security, then wake up to its automation potential.

"At first," he says, "buyers just push the button when driving home and on comes the light in the drive, but they quickly want to move on from that. Soon they will buy extra appliance modules to do things such as switching on the electric blanket while they are still downstairs or opening the garage doors before they go out."

Commodore to make its play

Commodore is preparing its most aggressive assault yet on the booming video games market. The American home computer manufacturer will use Live '93 to introduce a new games system, which promises to take players straight to the next level of gaming technology.

Centre stage will be the £299 Amiga CD32, a games console with a difference. Unlike most rival machines from Nintendo and Sega, it does not run games from cartridges, but from compact discs. This is significant because CDs are cheaper to make and have a much bigger storage capacity.

Commodore has tried to introduce a compact-based system before, CDTV, but it failed to live up to its promise and has since been relegated to a role as a CD drive for the Amiga computer range.

The CD32 is a more elegant and persuasive product altogether. The CD32 can be hooked up to either a conventional television or a high-resolution monitor. It comes with stereo audio outputs so it can be connected to a hi-fi system, when it can also be used as a standard audio CD player.

Perhaps the most significant technical edge it has over the Sega Mega CD, its main rival, is that it can be upgraded with a £200 cartridge to provide videotape-quality pictures from CDs being developed that will dis-

place films and other picture-based programming.

There will be an initial launch catalogue of 20 titles for the new console, including established video game favourites such as Sensible Soccer, Lemmings and Zool, as well as new offerings such as the controversially violent game Mortal Kombat and the inevitable Jurassic Park spin-off. Discs are expected to be priced at about £30. By Christmas, the number should have risen to 80 titles.

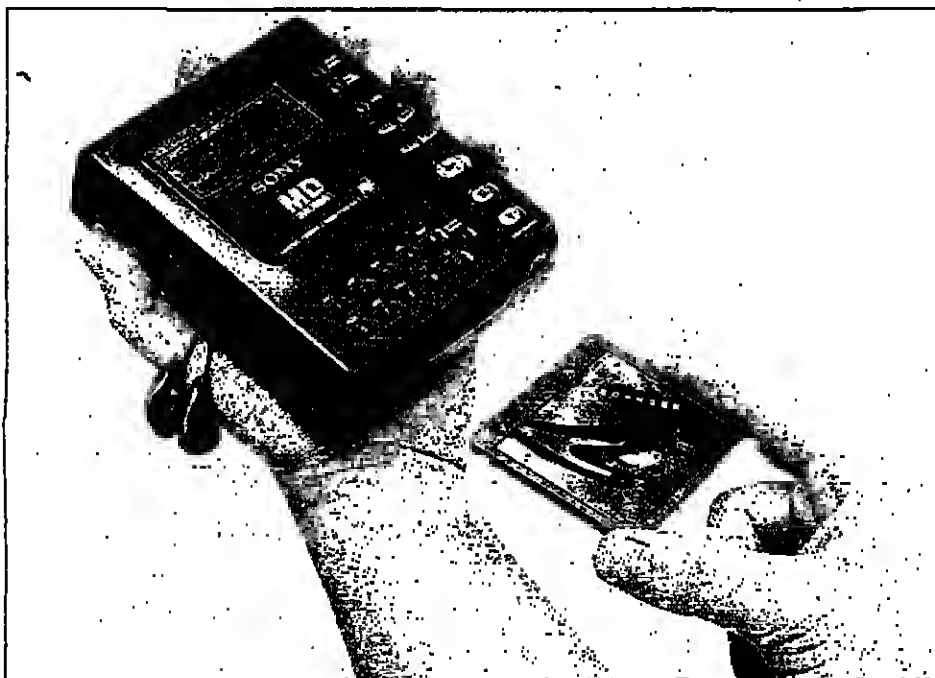
According to David Murphy, a consumer electronics journalist who has played with the console, Commodore may well have a winner.

This is an excellent games machine that can be developed into a complete home entertainment system," he says.

"As hardware, it leapfrogs anything available from Nintendo and Sega, and if Commodore can keep the price of its CD games lower than that of rival cartridge games, it is going to be a great success."

In the real world, video game manufacturers do not have infinite lives. For Commodore, a company that already has had to strip back its operation just to survive the 1990s, the success or failure of the CD32 could mean Hall of Fame or Game Over. Early reaction to the CD32, however, suggests that it may have struck game gold.

STEVE MAY



The Minidisc is the first CD that can record. But its success will depend on consumer reaction

Will the Minidisc be the toast of the Nineties?

The compact disc was the audio success of the 1980s. Now music and consumer electronics companies hope that a new generation of digital audio will be the toast of the 1990s. The formats, Minidisc and Digital Compact Cassette (DCC), are designed to replace the compact cassette, developed more than 30 years ago.

The compact cassette is an analogue system, so recordings are prone to noise or hiss, which increases whenever a recording is copied. But the new systems are digital and record sound as a computer code. Since digital recordings are hiss-free, every copy is as good as the original.

Sony has developed the Minidisc, a format which stores up to 74 minutes of near-CD quality sound on a 24-in disc. The discs are stored in a protective jacket and look like small computer floppy discs. Pre-recorded discs are the same price as CDs, but some discs are recordable and can be re-used like audio tape. Blank discs cost about £9 each. Sony is selling several personal stereo units, for about £400, with a built-in jog-proof system that allows the music to play normally if the machine is knocked or jolted. The company also plans to launch in-car Minidisc systems.

Discs offer several benefits over tape. For instance, they do not wear out or become tangled or jammed and tracks can be found instantly because there is no need to spool through yards of tape. However, Minidisc is not compatible with any existing audio format, including CD.

The rival DCC format has been developed by Philips. A DCC cassette stores up to 90 minutes of CD-quality sound — even two-hour tapes are under development. Blank tapes cost about £5 each; pre-recorded DCC tapes cost the same as CDs.

DCC decks, which cost about £400, offer a number of new features, including small screens which can give the title of the track, information on the artist and even lyrics.

Although Sony is busily promoting Minidisc, it is still selling a digital tape system

Great hopes for a mini miracle

called Digital Audio Tape (DAT), which stores several hours of CD-quality sound on a credit-card size cassette. Though once seen as the replacement for the audio cassette, its high price and a very limited supply of pre-recorded music resulted in poor sales. The first machines cost more than £500.

Even so, DAT is used by a number of hi-fi enthusiasts, and some machines now cost less than £400. Sony has

The device could revolutionise relations with noisy neighbours

recently introduced a portable DAT machine, which provides up to four hours of recording time.

Also on offer for the hi-fi enthusiast are wide-imaging speakers, from Canon, which are better at spreading stereo effects around a living-room. The problem with conventional stereo systems is that listeners have to sit in a "hot spot" to hear the full effects. But the Canon speakers, which look like a pair of large lampshades, process the sound to produce a wider stereo field. This means that people sitting outside the hot spot can hear the stereo effect.

There are also new developments in the radio field, including the Radio Data System (RDS). This works by transmitting an inaudible data signal, along with an FM radio signal that contains ex-

tra information, such as the type of music or programme being broadcast. The signal is ignored by ordinary radios but used by RDS tuners.

Kenwood has launched two amplifier-tuners which include an RDS feature that allows users to search for a radio programme by type, for example, classical music or news. This is especially useful if you do not know the frequencies of particular radio stations.

RDS is also used in many in-car systems to improve FM radio reception. Although the FM band gives the best quality sound, the system requires a chain of transmitters to broadcast the signal for national stations throughout Britain.

The snag is that drivers have to re-tune their radios as they drive across country. RDS can automatically search for the strongest FM signal from a particular station and lock on to it.

As you drive out of the range of one FM transmitter, the RDS radio looks for the next one and tunes to that. Another RDS feature, Enhanced Other Network, links up to the BBC's national and local radio stations to provide traffic updates. If a local radio station broadcasts traffic news, the RDS tuner automatically switches to it — even if you are listening to another station or a cassette.

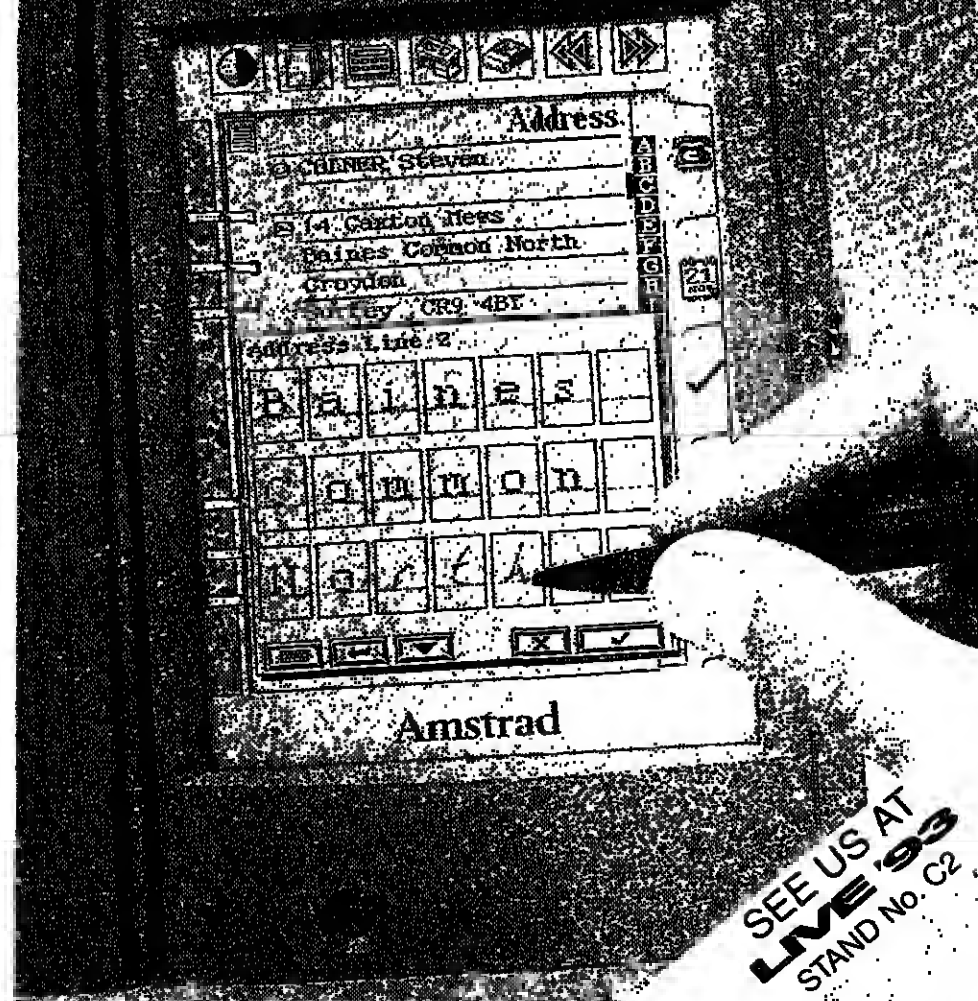
For those who play their stereos loud enough to drown out other sounds, Linx, the Scottish audio company, has developed a small box which links up to one of the company's amplifiers, a standard telephone socket and most types of door bells. When the telephone rings, the handset is lifted to make a call, or the doorbell rings the sound is automatically muted.

This could revolutionise neighbour relations. If the people next door are playing music too loud and too late, all you have to do is ring their door bell until they agree to turn it down.

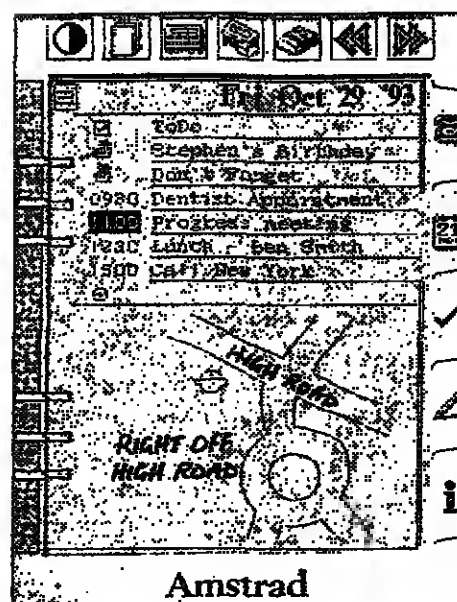
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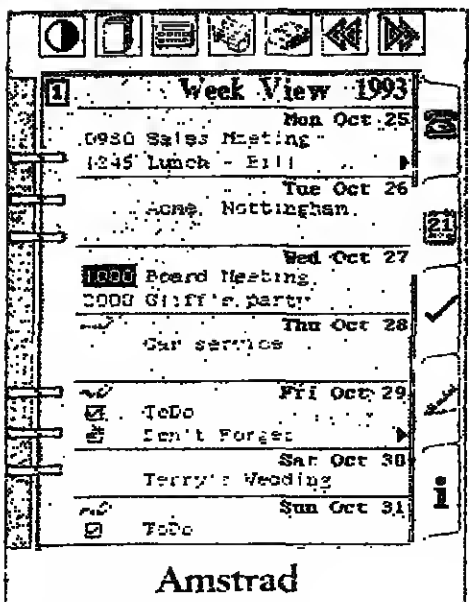


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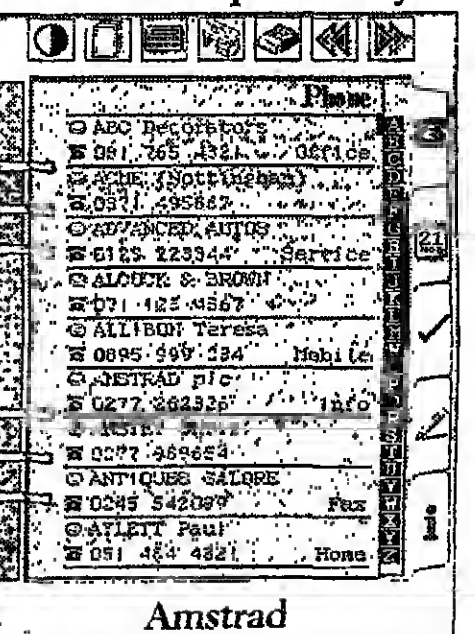
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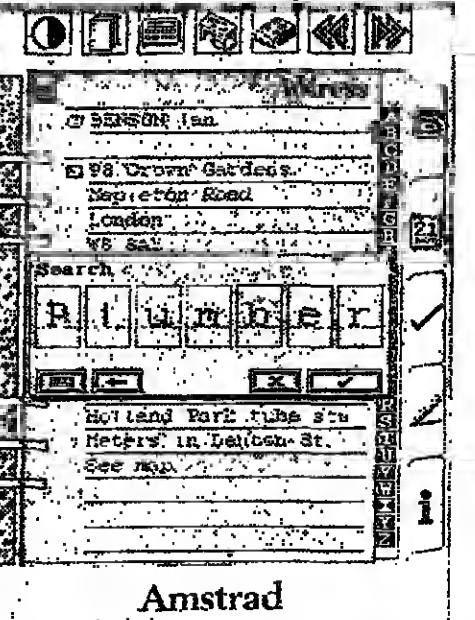
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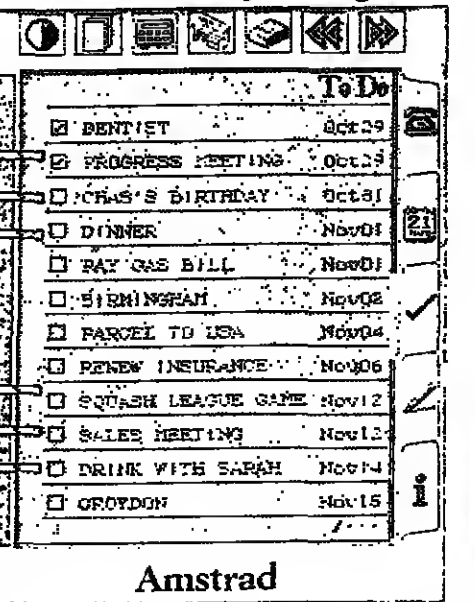
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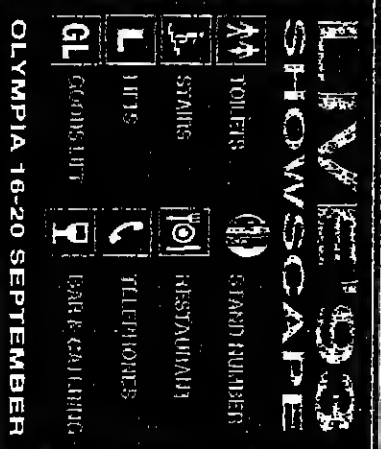
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BLUE: Derek Jarman's extraordinary reverie on AIDS, blindness and the colour blue. *MGM* (1993) (14) 1352

UN COEUR EN HIVER: Love and sky games between two instrument makers and a violinist. Wonderful observant drama from Claude Sautet. *MGM* (1993) (14) 1352

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS: (PG) Jacques Prévert's classic tale of a triumphal blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Ariety, Jean-Louis Barrault. *Renoir* (1993) (14) 1352

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MUSIC

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS: Mezzo Della Jones, pianist Michael Collins, bass John Tomlinson and pianist Kathryn Stott join the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Chorus for the familiar end-of-season celebrations. As well as all the usual staples, this year's all-British last-night programme includes the Clarinet Concerto No 2 by Malcolm Arnold, and excerpts from *The Turn of Mind* by Lord Berners. Barry Wordsworth conducts. *Albert Hall*, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-889 8212), tonight, 7.30pm. (14)

ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC: Christopher Hogwood and his period band are joined by the acclaimed Italian mezzo Cecilia Bartoli for a lively programme of vocal and instrumental music by Handel and Vivaldi. *Barbican*, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8861), Thurs, 7.30pm. (14)

PETER SCHREIER: The great German tenor opens the Wigmore season with a recital of songs by Schubert and Brahms, accompanied by Graham Johnson. *Wigmore Hall*, Wigmore Street, London, W1 (071-635 2141), tonight, 7.30pm. (14)

GERAINT EVANS GALA: Dennis O'Neill, Margaret Price, Bryn Terfel, Della Jones and Gwynne Howell join forces for a gala tribute to their compatriot, the great Welsh baritone, who died last year. The programme for the evening features operatic arias, duets, choruses and ensembles. All proceeds from the concert go to a scholarship fund intended to continue Sir Geraint's support of young Welsh talent. *St David's Hall*, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), tomorrow, 7.30pm. (14)

MOSE ALLISON TRIO: This pianist and singer combines blues, swing and bebop in his idiosyncratic musical repertoire. *PizzaExpress*, London, W1 (071-439 8722), Wed to next Sun, 7.45pm. (14)

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MADAM BUTTERFLY: The Royal Opera's season gets under way with Richard Gregson's new staging of Puccini's opera, using designs by Sophie Fedorovich which have not been seen at Covent Garden for a decade. Diana Gardien sings the title role. Neil Schickel (Puccini); Carlo Facci conducts. *Royal Opera House*, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1009/1011), tonight (7pm), Tues, Fri, 7.30pm. (14)

LA BOHEME: Stan Edwards produces his first new production as ENO's music director. Stephen Pinnott directs, with designs by Tobias Hohesal. The American soprano Roberta Alexander makes her debut. *Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7.30pm. (14)

LUCIA DI LAMERMOOR: Donizetti's masterpiece of bel canto tragedy opens the season at Welsh National Opera. Janice Watson sings Scott's doomed heroine; Martin Thompson is Donizetti. Julian Smith conducts. The director is Rennie Wright. *New Theatre*, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), Fri, 7.15pm. (14)

THE BACCHAE: Not exactly an opera, this is Euripides's play performed with new music by James Xenakis. David Freeman directs the Opera Factory staging. *Nicholas Kok* conducts the *Premiere Ensemble*. *Queen's Theatre*, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, tomorrow 7.45pm (final performance). (14)

PAUL MCCARTNEY: The former Beatle, these days peddling unashamedly easy-listening fare, stops off in London as part of his world tour. *Earls Court*, London, SW5 (071-373 8141), today, Tues and Wed, 8.30pm. (14)

SMASHING PUMPKINS: Billy Corgan's Chicago-based outfit began a tour to promote their emotionally charged new album *Sesame Seed*. They are supported by off-beat psychedelic rockers, *Verve* Wolverhampton. *Civic Hall* (0902 312000), today, 7.30pm. *Cambridge*, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), Mon, 7.30pm. *Leeds*, Town and Country Club (0532 800100), Tues, 7.30pm. *Manchester*, Academy (061-275 2930), Wed, 7.30pm. *Liverpool*, Royal Court (051-702 2678), Fri, 7.30pm. (14)

IN THE CITY LIVE: This five-day rock extravaganza features a host of new bands. Highlights include Heavenly debutantes *Si Eberne*, *Expatriate* and Andy Weatherall (*Acacia*, tomorrow, 9pm); American country-tinged rockers *Grant Lee Buffalo* (*Soem Bar*, Manchester University Student's Union, Mon, 7.30pm); and *Intastella* with guest Shaun Ryder (*Manchester Underground*, Tues, 10.15pm). *In the City Live*, Manchester (info: 0336 404959; box office: 061-834 2610 or 061-839 0558), today to Wed. (14)

JAZZ: **JAMES MOODY:** A great cohort of Dizzy Gillespie, this resonant tenor and alto saxophonist scored a popular hit with his improvisation, *"I'm in the Mood for Love"*. He plays here with his quartet. *Barbican*, London, W1 (071-439 0747), Mon to next Sat, 8.30pm. (14)

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EXHIBITIONS

AMERICAN ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: A gigantic survey, held in two galleries and made up largely of gigantic individual works, chronicles the development of modernism in the United States from the time of the epoch-making *Armory Show* of 1913 up to the present. Apart from Edward Hopper, almost everything not deliberately forward-looking is left out, and the great weight of the show falls on the "golden age" of Abstract Expressionism in the Forties and Fifties. The Saatchi Gallery houses the second part of the exhibition showing works from 1970. *Royal Academy of Arts*, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7439), daily, 10am-6pm, Thurs to Dec 12; The Saatchi Gallery, 88a Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 8299), daily 10am-6pm, Thurs to Dec 12. (14)

THE WILTON DIPTYCH: The first in a new series of National Gallery exhibitions under the general label, "Making and Meaning", is devoted to the mysteries attached to the Wilton Diptych, a haunting image of Richard II being presented to the virgin and child by the Saints, Edmund, Edward and John the Baptist. No definite conclusions are forthcoming as to where it was painted, for whom, or what precise significance the imagery is intended to convey, but there is a closer technical analysis than ever before. *National Gallery*, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-439 3321), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Wed to Dec 12. (14)

DOROTHEA TANNING: American-born (in 1910), Tanning is probably best remembered as Max Ernst's wife. This show covers her whole career from the earliest surrealist art, starting with the famous self-portrait *Birthday* of 1942, four years before she married Ernst, continuing through the married years, and bringing the story up to date with collages and drawings made in the last year. She is not where it was painted, for whom, or what precise significance the imagery is intended to convey, but there is a closer technical analysis than ever before. *Camden Arts Centre*, Arkwright Road, NW6 (071-435 2643), Tues-Thurs, midday-6pm, Fri-Sun, midday-6pm, opens Fri to Nov 21. (14)

LUCIAN FREUD: Freud's last significant retrospective was at the Hayward Gallery in 1988. Since then he has been painting more prolifically than ever, and this new show assembles 55 paintings (some very large), five drawings and ten etchings - all completed in the last decade. The subjects are nearly all people, the internal drama more intense. *Whitechapel Art Gallery*, Whitechapel High Street, E1 (071-377 0107), Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm, (Wed to 8pm), until Nov 21. (14)

AGNES MARTIN: Eighty last year, Conagdon-born and New York-trained, Martin evolved in the 1950s her own vocabulary of geometrical grids and lines. A selection of her sensitive recent work is exhibited in Britain for the first time. *Serpentine Gallery*, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-472 6075), daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 24. (14)

PICTURES IN PICTURES: The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate the different ways a variety of painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in references they themselves were depicting. *National Gallery*, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-639 3321), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19. (14)

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1889-1903) Pissarro virtually took

THEATRE

BOHEMIAN LIGHTS: The Gate re-opens with twice as many seats, yet keeping the same intimacy. The first play is *de Valle-Inclan's* vision of a country in turmoil, transposed from 1924 Spain to 1915 Dublin. *Gate*, 11 Pembroke Road, W11 (071-229 0706), Preview from Wed, 7.30pm, Opens Sept 20, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. (14)

CAROUSEL: The National's smash-hit version of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical transfers to the West End with a New York opening already planned. *Michael Hayden* and *Joanna Riding* still head the cast. *Shaftesbury*, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. (14)

FOREVER PLAID: Long-running American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s. *Apollonia*, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070), Preview from Thurs, 8pm, Opens Sept 20, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri, 6pm and Sat, 4pm. (14)

A GOING CONCERN: James Cloye, *Rebecca Dinsdale*, Adam Godley represent the youngest of three generations working for an ailing billiards-table business. *Stephen Jeffreys'* new comedy, directed by Matthew Lloyd. *Hampstead*, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722-9301), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. (14)

HAIR: The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another *Stiles* revival. *Michael Bogdanov* directs. *Old Vic*, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-828-7818), Preview today, 4pm and 7.45pm, Mon, 7.45pm, Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri and Sat, 4pm. (14)

INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE: Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play. *National* (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-828 2252), Thurs-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. Then in repertoire. (14)

BASINGSTOKE: After its major re-build, the Haymarket opens with *The Cheery Chap*, a stage bio with music of Max Miller (Kenneth MacDonell). *Haymarket*, Wote Street (0256 46558), Preview from Mon, 7.45pm. *Gala* opening Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Oct 2. (14)

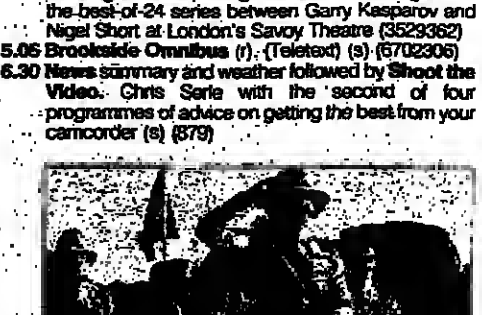
HARPOGATE: The *Government Inspector*, Gogol's comedy of human vanity and local government, as revised by Vincent Franklin with local references. *Harpogate Theatre*, Oxford Street (0423 502118), Opens Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (from Sept 25), 2.30pm. Until Oct 9. (14)

LEICESTER: *The Destiny of Me*, Lany Kramer's award-winning sequel to *The Normal Heart*. Simon Collow directs and stars. *Haymarket*, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), Preview from Thurs, 7.30pm, Opens Sept 21, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 1993

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** Animation (1) (8) (3391255) 6.25 **Worms** Cartoon adventures of a dog and his gang (1427895) 6.40 **Babar**o. *Babar*o. Cartoon series set in a palace (1) (890217)
- 7.05 **The Legend of White Fang** Animation based on Jack London's canine hero (431509) 7.30 **Pugwash's Summer** Children's adventures (28411)
- 8.00 **Ten Times World Sport** International sporting news (43343)
- 9.00 **News** (4932459) 9.15 **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (508343)
- 9.45 **American Football**. A repeat of Monday's gridiron (1) (729140)
- 1.00 **Gazzetta Football** Italia. Highlights from last weekend's Serie A matches, introduced by Paul Gascoigne and James Richardson (45459)
- 2.00 **Charming Worms**. A documentary about the world worm charming championships, held in Cheshire, in which contestants use a variety of methods to try to raise the maximum number of worms (1) (89922)
- 2.30 **Kasak**. The final episode of the Pakistani drama series: In Urdu with English subtitles (1791430)
- 1.05 **Timeless Hunters**. Benn Cropp and his sons join the islanders of the Torres Straits, off the north of Australia, in a celebration of a way of life that has been enjoyed for thousands of years but is now in danger of disappearing (1) (7598343)
- 1.30 **World of the Dog**. From Doncaster and Leopardstown, Brough Scott introduces: live coverage of the 2.00, 2.30, 3.05 (Coakle St Leger Stakes) and 3.40 races from Doncaster and the 3.30 (Guinness Champion Stakes) from Leopardstown (52982904)
- 2.40 **The World's Worst Chess Championship**. Live



Abstract

Alexander Korda's *Born to Empire* (8.30pm)

07.00 **Movie Music Man: A Portrait of Lalo Schifrin** (s) **Choice** (3362)

8.00 **The Times World Chess Championship**, Further coverage of the third game (8701)

9.30 **Film: The Four Feathers** (1939), (Teletext) **See Choice** (5025576)

10.45 **The Times World Chess Championship**, An analysis of the third game by British grandmasters Raymond Keene and Jonathan Speelman, plus Daniel King and Cathy Forbes (870632)

11.15 **Time Files: When You're Alone**, A film of actor-writer Paul Uhlen's one-man show about a husband remembering his wife's death from cancer, based on his own experiences. A moving work without being maudlin, effectively directed by Roger Spottiswoode (870081)

12.50am **Flooding Sarah** by Julie Kearsley, A drama about a woman to whom motherhood means insecurity. She is not helped by her husband or by the knowledge that she herself was adopted. Despite the opposition of her adoptive parents, she is determined to find her natural mother. Starring Barbara D'Urqu, David Horovitz, Frank Medendor and Brenda Bruce. (7749280), Ends at 1.55

SATELLITE

4.00 *Remains Against Time* (1990): A travel tale about a man who is whisked to try to stop the Kennedy assassination; the build-up of the Vietnam War. With Hays and Sam Wanamaker (1988)

3.00 *The Emperor's New Clothes* (1988): A wood adaptation of the classic children's tale (1941)

9.00 *Deceived* (1991): Psychological thriller starring Goldie Hawn as a widow uncover her husband's secret life. With John Goodman (21258)

18.00 *Silver Wings*: Vintage romance

12.00 *The Checkered Flag* (1991) starring
on romantic triangle jeopardizes motor
UK races (B61473)
1.35pm *Hidden Agenda* (1993) A coo
cy thriller in which an American lawyer
99 in Belfast when he discovers a plot to
00 Harold Wilson. With Frances McDoo
00 Brad Dourif and Brian Cox (B61164)
12.25 *Seven Minutes*: Tonia tele

SKY SPORTS

7.00am *The Big League: Wigan v*
(696097) 8.30 *Ski Soccer W*
(318701) 10.30 *Australian Rules F*
(54850) 11.30 *Motorport* (35985)
Jack High Bowles (49237) 1.06pm
Saturday (74750121) 3.00 *US Open*
— Live (1190091) 12.00 *Lions W*
Pro Beach Volleyball (43588)

7.30pm **Sleep Aerobics** (23409) 8.00
Sports Report (90817) 9.00 **Athletics**
Grand Prix (67411) 18.00 **Sailing** (6
11.00 **Boxing Magazine** (14527) 12.00
Racing: The Italian Grand Prix (7
1.00pm **Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix** (7
3.00 **Deception** (53275) 4.30 **Golf: Euro**
Open (50275) 6.30 **Motor Racing** (7
7.30 **Motorcycling Magazine** (8408)
Equestrian Events (61886) 8.00 8.30
(40617) 10.30 **Golf: The European**
(14053) 11.00-1.00pm **Figure Skating**

UK GOLD

7.00am Defenders of the Earth (860)
7.30 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (868)
8.00am The Raccoons (132)
8.30 Lennie (1324343). 9.00 Film: Brothers Go West (13061695) 10.20 The New Popeye Show (868121) 10.30 Avenor (2098140) 11.30 Josie's (4168017) 12.00 Five Children and Their Secrets (133455) 12.30pm Swallows and Amazons (1335455) 1.00 Film: Anne of the Geables (1934, b/w) Starring Anne Shale

House (3170650) 2.45 EastEnders: Mr. (30634594) 5.30 Carrie's War (8900 9.00 The Little and Large Show (8900 6.30 Just for Laughs) (8902527) 7.00 The Pope (20021072) 7.45 In Solennia's Health (8902430) 8.15 The Perry in Mystery (8905256) 8.40 Film: Gigi (1 891664) 9.00 Lesle Caron, Maurice Chevalier Louis Jourdan (1816694) 12.00 Co (8412744) 12.30am Naked Video (8101 1.00-2.00 In Concert (1844541)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

7:00am The Best of Jack in the Box (7)
7:00 Clay Animation Specials (7082)
Captain Filce's Cartoon Cosmos (99817)
Baker (41121) 8:30-12:00pm: Fashion
Inc. (432327) 8:30 'TBA' (4072)
Beaumont's World (95259) 19:00 Save
the Ball (41782) 10:30 Pillsbury
(50258) 11:00 Art Attack and Rude Dog
the Dweebs (74988) 11:30 Radio Detect
(128) (76527) 12:00 Captain Am
(51508) 12:30pm Ironman (83072)
Prince Valiant (78553) 1:30 The Dreams
(7173) (92343) 2:00 Radio Detectives (1)

NICKELODEON

7:00am *Eunice's Castle* (22548) 7.30
World of David the Gnome (23463)
Wisdom of the Gnomes (30091)
Jinosh's Dreamhouse (33892) 8:00 AM
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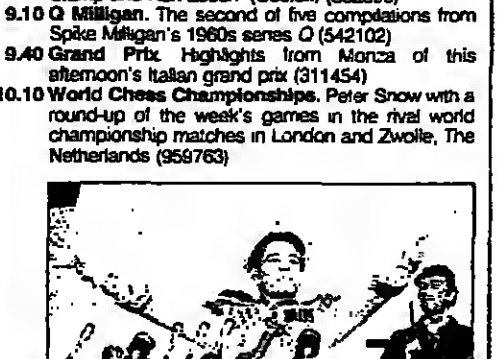
- BBC1**
- 7.00 *Celestial* (23367)
 7.30 *Animal World*. The fauna of the Antarctic (1) (733027) 7.40 *Pigeon Street*. Animation (1) (475693) 7.55 *Playdays* (1) (814164)
 8.15 *Breakfast with Frost* (536908)
 9.15 *Faith to Faith*. An inter-faith celebration from Manchester (s) (2280454) 9.30 *This is the Day*. The series on the influence of saints and scholars continues with the story of Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14th-century hermit (s) (288893)
 10.00 *See Heart*. The second of three chat shows from the Silent Network in Texas (s) (92909)
 10.30 *Film: The Gypsy and the Gentleman* (1958) starring Mistinguett and Kiki Miretti. A gypsy, rearing, rake meets his match in a scheming gypsy. Directed by Joseph Losey (7595788)
 12.15 *To Lullaby With Love*. Edles return to their country for the first time in nearly half a century (1) (8873270)
 12.30 *Countryfile* (s) (2372551). Wales: Down to Earth 12.55 *Westward* (2371329)
 1.00 *News* (7444583) 1.05 *Cartoon*. *Boy and the Wolf* (7784308) 1.15 *Harry and the Hendersons*. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (6023521)
 1.35 *Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: One for the Road*. An elderly college junior suddenly speaks fluent French. (Ceefax) (s) (8835347)
 2.00 *EastEnders* (1). (Ceefax) (s) (63368)
 3.00 *Film: Scaramouche* (1952). Swashbuckling yarn, being shown in tribute to the late Stewart Granger. Directed by George Sidney (5875893)
 4.50 *If It Were Not for the Night*. Gavin Campbell with advice on treating a child who may have swallowed poison. (Ceefax) (s) (5465560)
 5.00 *Backstage*. Sue Lawley chairs a studio discussion on BBC2's *At Black*, the current affairs programme about the black community. (Ceefax) (s) (612657)
 5.40 *Nanny Knows Best*. The first of a new series of advice on parental problems by 71-year-old Nanny Smith, a professional nanny for more than half a century. (Ceefax) (s) (313270)
 6.10 *News with Moira Stuart*. (Ceefax) Weather (602164)



Sing along with Titchmarsh, Rhodes (6.25pm)

- 6.25 *Songs of Praise* from Sheffield, with Alan Titchmarsh and Pam Rhodes (64593)
 7.00 *Keeping Up Appearances*. Hilda's plans to buy a small country retreat go awry. (Ceefax) (s) (6522)
 7.30 *Lovejoy*. The dodgy antiques dealer is ready to make a commitment to Lady Jane. But has someone got there before him? (Ceefax) (s) (72744)
 8.20 *Bill & Ted*. The Chigwell chameleons move in next door when an explosion wrecks their kitchen. (Ceefax) (s) (69576)
 8.50 *News* with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (454454)
 9.05 *Serenes*. *One: A Foreign Field*. (Ceefax) See Choice (873183)
 10.35 *Everyman*. An exploration of the beguiling music of Jersy. (Ceefax) (302744). Wales: The Kane Program
 11.15 *Film: Case of Deadly Force* (1986) starring Richard Gere and John Shea. Courtroom drama about the undercover police shooting of an innocent black Boston man. Directed by Michael Miller. (Ceefax) (880676). Wales: Everyman 11.55-1.25 *Film: Case of Deadly Force*
 12.45am *Westward* (517597)

- BBC2**
- 8.40 *Open University* (3365767)
 9.10 *System 93*. Children's game show run by a computer character (1120034) 9.35 *Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles* (1) (2292270)
 9.55 *Jonny Briggs*. Children's drama serial (1) (3705588) 10.10 *Rugrats*. Cartoon adventures of babies who live in a carpet pile (s) (5625388) 10.35 *Grange Hill*. Children's secondary school drama serial (1) (3440251)
 10.55 *F.O.T.*. False or true game show (s) (3451367) 11.20 *Futurama*. The third heat, from Glasgow, of the young cooks' competition (s) (7036812) 11.45 *The O-Zone*. Pop music magazine (s) (8971034)
 12.00 *Sunday Grandstand* introduced by Ray Stubbs. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.05 Yachting: the final round of the Ultra 30 Series from Torquay (9181170). 12.30 (9420034) and 3.30 (3685164) Equestrianism: Highlights of the cross-country section of the European championship in Aachen, Germany. 1.20 Athletics: the Standard Life Princess Street Mile from Edinburgh (8025438). 1.45 Motor Racing: the Italian grand prix from Monza (4793454). 4.10 Golf: the final round of the GA European Open from the East Sussex National course, Luffield (5049783). 6.10 Cricket: a round up of the day's scores (948395). Wales: 12.05-1.45 and 3.30-5.30 Cricket: Glamorgan v Essex
 6.45 *A Passion For Angling*. Chris Yates and Bob James fish for carp at the legendary Redmire pool. (Ceefax) (s) (643472)
 7.40 *Nature by Design: Living in a Material World*. The second of a six-part series comparing nature's designs with those of man. (Ceefax) (827831)
 8.10 *Hollywood UK: British Cinema in the 1960s*. Making it in London. Includes clips from *A Hard Day's Night*, *The Knack*, *Darling* and *Poor Cow*. With contributions from among others, Vanessa Redgrave, Julie Christie, Michael Caine, Terence Stamp and Ken Loach. (Ceefax) (382396)
 9.10 *Q Milligan*. The second of five competitions from Spixie Milligan's 1980s series. (s) (542102)
 9.40 *Grand Prix*. Highlights from Monza of this afternoon's Italian grand prix (311454)
 10.10 *World Chess Championships*. Peter Show with a round-up of the week's games in the rival world championship matches in London and Zwole, The Netherlands (959763)



Tom Courtney in fantasy mood (10.40pm)

- 10.40 *Film: Billy Liar* (1963, b/w) starring Tom Courtney. A classic comedy drama, adapted by Keith Waterhouse and Willy Russell from their play about the exploits of an underclass assistant who lives in a fantasy world. With Julie Christie. Directed by John Schlesinger. (Ceefax) (5115557). Ends 12.20am
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Assignment Special:
The Republic of Oz
Monday, BBC2, 7.40-8.30pm
In the slightly demarcating caricatures the British tend to have of Australians, Bob Hawke is famous as the prime minister who cried, and his replacement, Paul Keating, not content with resting a brawny antipodean hand in the small of the Queen's back, is trying to knock her out of Australia's future.

Hawke presents this fascinating (and dry-eyed) account of a country trying to work out its identity. A hundred years ago, six ill-assorted states became a federation. Now a committee is about to make its report on the whys and hows of becoming a republic.

Hawke patters about purposefully, chats with Keating (and looks at him as if he is working out a nasty revenge for helping to unseat him) and other republicans, as well as with some devout royalists.

The royalists are more colourful: there's the ex-serviceman Bruce Ruxton, with a dangerous-looking mace on his arm, who sternly says that the royalty will survive in Australia because it has survived everything: "Even syphilis, if you don't mind."

The head of the government committee is Malcolm Turnbull, who found fame as the *Spycatcher* lawyer who suc-



It's the *Last Night of the Proms* tonight (dreary for some, exhilarating for others), but the musical highlight of the week is Prokofiev's opera *The Fiery Angel*, live from St Petersburg (see Music). Other highlights include documentaries on the future of Australia, educational difficulties in Battersea, and a worried-looking Alan Whicker with Joan Collins and Ivana Trump at "Miss World '92".

KYTV returns, and the greatest film ever, *Billy Liar*, is on tomorrow (see Best Films).

cessfully bullied economically truthful representatives of the Crown. Turnbull is elegantly grave (he talks of "a largely European settler nation adjusting itself to its geographical reality") and is clearly a potential future Australian prime minister—or president.

Brookside
Monday and Wednesday, Channel 4, 8.30-9pm; Friday, Channel 4, 8.30-9pm.
"No long faces in this house, not when a wedding is around

the corner." Frank says, gamely trying to ignore the first rule of life in a soap opera: that nothing goes right when a wedding is around the corner. *Brookside* being *Brookside*, the trouble is because of an issue — the problems of second marriages when children reject their new step-parents.

The Liverpool soap is eternally torn between building up excellent characters and gripping emotional wars and sacrificing them on the righteous altar of social awareness. It's soap opera with a sledgehammer. The issues next week range from dating after a mastectomy to sexual harassment at work, to middle-class drug abuse to illegal immigration, to neighbourhood vigilantes. But its saving grace is the presence of Barry Grant, the charmingly amoral, but sentimental, soul of the show.

Midnight Underground
Monday, Channel 4, 12.15-1.30am
Forget about the earnest Open University-type television presentation, Channel 4 is doing a good service showing highlights of underground cinema in all its grandeur, excitement and silliness.

This week's opening episode went for kitsch mysticism; next week it's music time, with Kenneth Anger's stunning *Eaux d'Artifice*, which is Valvadi's *Four Seasons* adorned with Italian fountains (with a masked woman on her way to some mysterious carnival ball for human interest), Chris Connor's very funny rock video (black and white montages of medieval demonstrations) for Dorey's *Mongolian*, and Anger again with the homo-erotic pop kitsch of *Scorpio Rising*.

Whicker's Miss World
Tuesday, ITV, 10.40-11.40pm
This is a very odd programme as Alan Whicker rather tiredly tries to pretend that he's enjoying his task as one of the judges for the 1992 Miss World. He shows us the South African scenery; he reveals his political correctness by dropping in a question every now and then about political correctness; he dutifully accepts all the PR guff from Eric and Julia Morley on the glorious history of the beauty queen carnival, and gives Richard Branson an apparently free ad for Virgin Airline's tourist route to South Africa. But the stars of the show are two of the other judges, Joan Collins and Ivana Trump.

Collins is delightfully bitchy. She and Whicker sit next to each other by the car, acting like naughty schoolgirls giggling over their canny remarks. "The young girls," Joan whispers, "they've got the worst arses I've ever seen."

And then there's the surreal Ivana Trump experience, with the plastic-pretty face, the blonde fluff of hair, and the pink textile weirdness she wears as clothes. Mrs Trump seems to pride herself on her intelligence, not, though, her ability at English: "Believe me — if I would have a rotten plastic surgeon if I would keep my scar on my nose," she says rather grandly.

Her stern interrogation of the contestants is most bizarre. She asks each one: "What are your five-year goals?" in a peculiarly old-fashioned, if charming, Marxist-Leninist way. (Most of them politely reply: "Pardon?" At which she shakes her head sadly and congratulates herself on her ideological victory.)

The contestants seem fairly indistinguishable, apart from Miss UK, who is very sweet and has her mother with her (Mrs UK sobs a lot and keeps saying how proud she is).

The main action is with the judges and the celebrity crew. At one point, everyone is panicking: Collins is in a bit of a state because her make-up's not right; Jerry Hall wants some jokes in her lines (and makes the mistake of calling up Eric Idle, who offers her something very cheesy); Billy Dee Williams is having trouble reading his lines; and Mrs Trump is worried about terrorists (and not particularly relieved at Sidney Sheldon's suggestion that he suppose she should die under the table if the mythical terrorists arrive: the problem is, I suppose, she would break).



Worldly Whicker with "surreal" Ivana Trump and "bitchy" Joan Collins (Tuesday, ITV)

Inside Story:
The New Principal
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30-10.20pm

The new principal is a hard man from the north, with a skeletal face and a zealot's blue eyes, who rides his attaché case into Battersea, southwest London, to turn a comprehensive school noted for truancy and bad exam results into a "centre of excellence".

There is a lot of bureaucracy to go through — and this documentary, which follows the first year of the new principal, is particularly good on the endless committee meetings and staff meetings and governors' meetings (at which there is one mysterious, silent individual wearing an occult necklace and a white ponytail and beard).

But the main way to become a centre of excellence is, it seems, to call it so, and change a few other names as well. So, the school becomes a technology college, the pupils become students, the department heads become a directorate.

At the end of the first year, the promised resources have

yet to arrive, the exam results are slightly up, and so is the truancy rate.

The principal is fond of saying things in Japanese and then sternly translating them, as if he's disappointed that he's the only Zen businessman in the house.

At the beginning of the year, he declares that being 18 from the bottom of the national exam results table is "an interesting start point — we can only get better". At the end of the year, he doesn't seem so sure of himself any more.

It all makes for enjoyably excruciating viewing, while it's hard to know what the school itself thought it would get out of its scars being picked at on television.

Timewatch: True Story of the Roman Arena
Wednesday, BBC2, 8.45-9.50pm

It's always fascinating to hear what those clever, nasty Romans got up to. *Timewatch* does its tabloid best to present this programme as a lurid exclusive. The trouble is, there aren't that many new things to learn about what went on in the Roman amphitheatres — the "deep blood of savage passion" was documented quite well at the time.

But *Timewatch* goes in for some nifty computer graphics, showing exactly how the ruined Colosseum would have looked at the time. It gathers some happily excitable historians to talk us through the blood and gore and make a few specious modern parallels about the addictive nature of violence. And, best of all, it gives us a good selection of contemporary accounts.

It becomes clear that the history of the Roman arena is emblematic of the history of the Roman Empire. From the early days, when a rich man's funeral would become a neat vote-catching exercise for some bloody graveside entertainment ("a bit of murder at the end got them more spectators", points out one of the historians in the show), to the time of purpose-built arenas to display exotic beasts trawled from the furthest points of the Roman dominions — and after the display, of course, came the deaths. Animals and then condemned men, and then the gladiators.

The format allows for Deighton and Perkins to take hefty swipes at just about anything they want to (I particularly liked the trailer for the themed season of *Puller's Night*, which climaxes with "Hit Gyles Brandreth at 11.30").

The show is very clever and (this doesn't always follow) very funny too.

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A Taste of Honey 1961
GB (BBC2, 12.05-1.50am)

TOMORROW
Scaramouche 1952
US (BBC1, 3.45-5pm)
Billy Liar 1963
GB (BBC2, 10.45pm-12.20am)

MONDAY
Meet Me Tonight 1952
GB (BBC2, 10.30-11.55pm)

TUESDAY
The Blue Dahlia 1946
US (BBC2, 10.25pm-12.05pm)

THURSDAY
Morning Glory 1933
US (BBC2, 9-10.10am)

TODAY
The Times World Chess Championship (Ch4, 4pm and 8pm)

TOMORROW
Sunday Grandstand: Italian Grand Prix (BBC2, noon)

Football Italia (Ch4, 2.45pm)

MONDAY
American Football: (Ch4, 11pm)

WEDNESDAY
The European Match: Slovan Bratislava v Aston Villa (ITV, 2.30pm);

Honvéd Budapest v Manchester United (ITV, 7pm)

TUESDAY
The Fiery Angel (BBC2, 7pm)

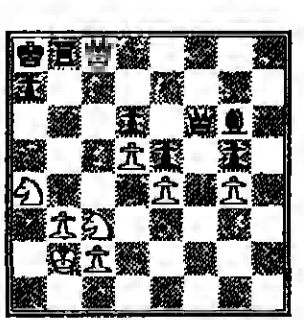
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Lasker - Steinitz, World Championship 1896. While has broken through on the queen's wing and the Black forces are a long way from the scene of the action. How does White win immediately?

Send your answers on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and winners will be published on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: I Qf6. The winners are: P Pountney, Broughton, Kettering; J Bartley, Wistaston, Crew; A E Aston, Selborne, Alton.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ARISTATE
a. An aristocracy
b. Rule by philosophers
c. Bearded

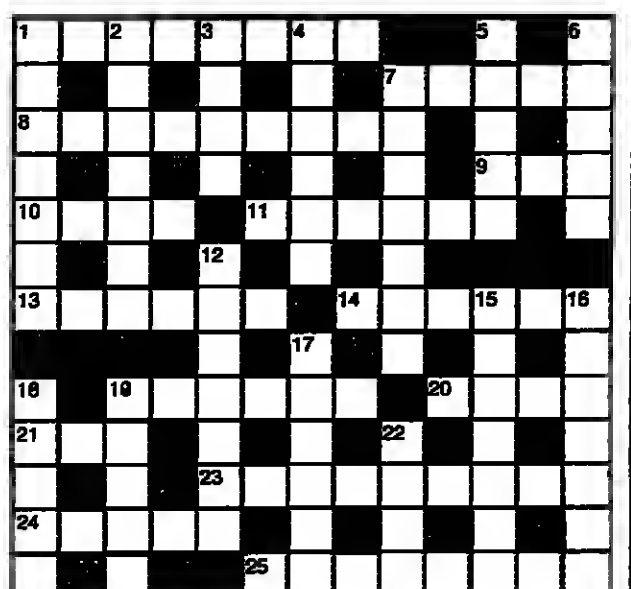
THURINGER
a. Summer sausage
b. An environmentalist
c. A landlord

FRUBBISH
a. French rubbish
b. To furbish by rubbing
c. Cosy

DROSSARD
a. A steward
b. A piece of neck armour
c. A gold diving rod

Answers on page 19

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3197



- ACROSS**
- Leaves suddenly (5,3)
 - Schubert's Op 114 quintet (5)
 - Early biplane (5,4)
 - Look over (3)
 - Pile (4)
 - World repeater (6)
 - Repentant (5)
 - Emotional problem (4,2)
 - USSR council (6)
 - Wall pillar (4)
 - Very warm (3)
 - Copper patina (9)
 - Flinch (5)
 - Marriage offer (8)
- DOWN**
- Onlooker (7)
 - Bags (7)
 - Kind (4)
 - Flowery (6)
 - Haystacks artist (5)
 - Hardness (5)
 - Rising air column (7)
 - Endure (7)
 - Thyroid gland swellings (7)
 - Sunshade (7)
 - More expensive (6)
 - Ostentatious (5)
 - Platform (5)
 - Feeble type (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3196
ACROSS: 1 Romp home 5 Grow 9 Pyrexia 10 Hiker 11 Clog 12 Run down 14 Saving 16 Crafts 19 Worship 21 Buff 24 On ice 25 Recluse 26 Eats 27 Plankton
DOWN: 1 Rope 2 Moral 3 Hexagon 4 Meagre 6 Rake off 7 Wariness 8 Then 13 As a whole 15 Verdict 17 Rubicon 18 Spiral 20 Heel 22 Fruit 23 Bean
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After the deluge, a flood of home delights

Caitlin Moran abandons her woes and heads back to childhood



WOE. Wandering down pavements as the sun fell slanted in the corner (The Unknown Part of the Garden), the creation of which had made Johnny Lord of the Slugs overnight; he was now pondering a pile of bricks dumped in the corner, which, because of an unplanned invasion of dandelions and daisies, was now a rockery.

I decided that now would be the ideal time to see my mother and my father and all the siblings, and stay for tea. My sister Nunu was eager to show me "a dead bird filled with maggots", which turned out to be a dead bird filled with maggots. The bird was jumping with them: it moved six inches under maggot power in under a minute. Throughout the day, the dead

bird would be spotted in different parts of the garden — the first in Johnny's Conservatory Corner (The Unknown Part of the Garden), the creation of which had made Johnny Lord of the Slugs overnight; he was now pondering a pile of bricks dumped in the corner, which, because of an unplanned invasion of dandelions and daisies, was now a rockery.

After being shown my siblings' full range of Dead Things (frog, another bird, a couple of stringy-looking worms and a rather magnificent mouse with half its head pulled off by the cat), we all took a stick and started sword play. Three direct whacks to the shin and a splintered knucklebone later, I realised I had forgotten how to cheat. I'd had to give up because, in London, adults cry if others cheat in games. Children just cheat back harder.



Going home to escape her troubles brought the author sweet memories — and a night's sleep as untroubled as this

chase carved from wood and inlaid with mother of pearl — 100,000 junk-shop secrets discovered and brought home, all heaped on top of the bookcase like a high tide had washed them up there and left them stranded.

I remembered how, when I was little, the kitchen seemed to be the centre of the universe. Anything could be made there. My sister would be teaching herself chemistry in one corner, making crystals and powders and pills. My dad would be building yet another pine shelving unit in some parts of the room not yet covered, while around my busily kneading mother, three or four little curmudgeonly toddlers would push some bug-eyed animal on wheels up and down the solid stone floor, waving at my mother, or pulling at her skirt with their starfish hands.

Occasionally one of them would eat a tin of shoe polish and we'd have to go to hospital. God, that was fun. The kitchen cupboard and

drawers contained everything: we'd be playing some game in the garden when things would grind to a halt and Johnny would run in to see mum.

"Mum, we need 6ft of really strong string and some cotton reels to make a kite."

"In the kitchen drawer."

"Mum, we need six bits of rubber, about this long, and four packets of pins to make a robot."

"In the kitchen drawer."

"Mum, we need about three ounces of weapons-grade plutonium and a small nuclear device to stop Jim sulking and get him to give us back our kite and our robot."

"WILL NIGEL BE CAUGHT SHORT?"

TELETEXT WILL TELL YOU

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